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Executive Committee Meets-Adjusts Budget Adopts Radio Program

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board met Monday of this week in the Baptist Building to handle referrals and unfinished business from the Convention Board.

Through budget adjustments, it was possible to hold to the \$199,050 figure for State Mission work for 1947.

The preaching promotion item was taken from the program for this year. Pastors will please take notice that the five extra revivals in each association are no longer provided for. A little later it may be possible for us to guarantee the support for the holding of two such revivals in each association.

Only seventy-five (75) pastors have sent their applications for participation in the Widows' Supplemental Plan, whereas one hundred seventy-five (175) are necessary. The plan, therefore, cannot become operative as of January 1, 1947. It will be held open until July 1. Interested pastors should send in their applications.

All campus B.S.U. secretaries were re-elected.

Our Mississippi Baptist Institutions are asked to have their books ready for the auditor within fifteen (15) days after the closing date for each institution.

Department heads were named as a State Mission Program Committee.

Recommendations from the Radio Committee representatives were adopted making it possible for the Convention Board Committee to speed up plans for perfecting radio service.

Great Statewide Cooperative Program Promotional Meeting Scheduled February 3, 1947 First Church, Jackson

One of the most important Mississippi Baptist meetings of 1947 is scheduled to be held in Jackson, First Church, Monday, February 3. Several outstanding Southern Baptist Convention leaders are to bring messages.

As suggested at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Convention Board, the Co-operative Program is to be greatly emphasized during 1947. This meeting is to give added emphasis to the work and importance of the Co-operative Program. Concerning the meeting, Dr. R. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary of the Convention Board said, "We are making real progress through the 'Cooperative Program' emphasis, however, receipts have not doubled as will be necessary if we attain our MILLION DOLLAR GOAL! It is either Success the 'Cooperative Program' way or go back to a Multiplicity of Special Campaigns."

Several prominent Mississippi Baptist leaders will have parts on the

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Dr. George W. Sadler, Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, will represent the Foreign Mission Board at the Co-operative Program Promotional Meeting in Jackson, February 3.



Miss Kathleen Mallory, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak to the Co-operative Program Meeting at Jackson on February 3.

It Is "Stewardship Or Else" Says Southern Seminary Head

By Ellis A. Fuller, D.D.

Sometime ago many of our denominational papers carried "My Financial Creed." To state more clearly the reason for the faith that is within me, I offer this supplemental statement.

I do not believe that the tithe is a levy upon us today by the Levitical law, by any modern ecclesiastical law or right, real or imaginary.

The doctrine of the tithe, as such, is as far behind the doctrine of New Testament stewardship as the law is behind grace, or as Mount Sinai is behind Calvary. No one believes more strongly than I do in the superior privileges and riches of grace; but this faith only make more obligatory and binding our obligations under grace. By no process of reasoning, can they be less than they were under the law.

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Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. J. B. Lawrence Dies In Atlanta

Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, formerly Miss Helen Alford of Fannin, Rankin County, Mississippi, and wife of the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, passed away in Atlanta on December 27, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, with her pastor, Dr. James W. Middleton, assisted by Dr. Louis D. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, conducting the services.

Dr. Lawrence was at one time pastor of the Greenwood Baptist Church, this state, and also served as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Mrs. Lawrence was active in the religious and civic life of the communities in which her husband served as pastor, college president, state secretary, and more recently secretary of the Home Mission Board, in Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri and Georgia.

Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent
CHURCHMEN TO SCAN WASHINGTON SCENE IN '47

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The New Year will find America's capital city more in the religious limelight than ever, not only because of the growth of churches locally but because what happens in Washington has become so important to millions of churchmen everywhere.

On problems that once were considered purely individual, or for local solution, churchmen now look to Washington for both direction and assistance.

On problems always viewed as international in scope, the intensity with which churchmen look to Washington is much greater.

Does the minister stress the necessity of helping find a haven for the homeless and displaced of the world? He must, then, think of the present immigration laws.

Does he take cognizance of the need for international cooperation? He must then know what is being

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**Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists
The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists**

GREAT STATEWIDE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PROMOTIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 3, 1947 FIRST CHURCH, JACKSON

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program. More information will appear in the next issue.

The program follows:

9:30 a.m.—Prayer and Praise
9:45 a.m.—The Cooperative Program and the Seminaries
10:25 a.m.—The Cooperative Program and W.M.U.
11:05 a.m.—Prayer and Praise
11:15 a.m.—The Cooperative Program and the Southern Baptist Convention
12:00 noon—The Cooperative Program and Foreign Missions
12:40 noon—Lunch

2:00 p.m.—Prayer and Praise
2:10 p.m.—The Cooperative Program and Home Missions
2:45 p.m.—The Cooperative Program and State Missions
3:20 p.m.—Cooperative Program Panel Discussions
4:30 p.m.—Adjourn

We go home to do these things for all the work of Christ.

Speakers and Leaders

Southern Baptist Convention leaders and Mississippi Baptist leaders will bring inspirational messages and direct the discussions.

Who Will Attend?

One Thousand (1,000) persons from all over Mississippi are expected for this outstanding day of worship and work, or prayer and planning. Pastors, Associational Moderators, Associational Clerks, Evangelistic Visitation Campaign leaders, W. M. U. Presidents and other leaders, Sunday School Superintendents and other leaders, Training Union Directors and other leaders, Brotherhood Presidents and other leaders, and Chairmen of Church Finance Committees and others are invited and urged to attend. "WHOSOEVER WILL—LET HIM COME!"

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said and done in Washington that affects all the nations of the world.

Does he and his official board plan to build a new church? If so, they can hardly overlook the fact that permission to begin any new construction must come from Washington, or an agent under federal supervision.

Does he preach for (or against) the use of federal and state funds for private schools? He must mention, or allude to, the Supreme Court's past and expected decisions on cases having a definite bearing on this issue.

Does he discuss the lack of homes for veterans, the need of adequate medical care by millions of Americans, or the desperate situation of the children who may go hungry in Asia, Africa or Europe? If so, he cannot fail to keep abreast of the developments in Washington; where, for the most part, the ultimate decisions of what Americans must do will be made.

Since World War I, the interest of churchmen in Washington has been growing, at first slowly and then at ever-accelerating pace. Today, no churchman can be considered adequately informed unless he knows his government.

Baptists Won't Register

Whether the members of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, representing most of the nation's Baptists, meant to do so or not, they helped make almost inevitable Congressional debate on the so-called "lobby law" as soon as

IT IS "STEWARDSHIP OR ELSE" SAYS SOUTHERN SEMINARY HEAD

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The following are inescapable deductions:

The giving of one-tenth of our income into our churches and the proper use of the other nine-tenths would certainly set us forward in realizing New Testament stewardship.

People Are Able To Give

Our people are amply able to give the tithe, and our poor distraught world needs the ministry which our tithe would make possible.

Our day of promotion may be drawing rapidly to a close. The scientists rather than the preachers are holding this terrifying fact before us.

The privilege of giving is a provision of God's grace, the same grace which provided salvation.

If our local churches were made custodians of our gifts and if the responsibility of distributing our gifts were placed upon them, they would rise rapidly to positions of commanding influence in their respective communities; and our Baptist people would be bound more closely together, united for strength, by our voluntary cooperation on a large scale for worldwide service.

Our reason for giving is not that our people are spending fabulous sums for tobacco, shows, cosmetics, liquor, joy-riding, chewing gum, and gambling; our reason for giving is Calvary. Gratitude must be the unfailing inspiration, love the impelling motive, and unselfishness our manner of cooperation in our giving. I dare to go even further to say that our eternal reason for giving is not because our sinful world is dying, but because our sinless Saviour died.

All isolationism of individualism and sectionalism should go to make way for southwide cooperation that is worthy of our faith and on a level

the 80th Congress decides other more pressing matters.

The Committee decided that its executive secretary, Dr. J. M. Dawson, a likeable, studious Texan, should not register under the new law and members instructed him to so write the clerk of the House of Representatives.

Considering that other religious leaders whose functions are somewhat similar to Dr. Dawson's have registered, it is possible that the clerk will refer the matter to the House. Several other religious representatives whose functions would seem to parallel those of both Dr. Dawson and of men who have registered also have not registered.

This problem of the "religious lobbyists" is just a facet of the overall "lobbying" problem that faces the 80th Congress. Some 200 persons now have registered, but many of them appended protests to their registration blanks and indicated they did not feel that their duties made them liable under the new act. Others who have not registered are uneasy and wonder if they are breaking the law.

House parliamentarians have commented on the fact that the 79th Congress was not very specific in its use of words in trying to describe who is a lobbyist and who isn't. So the whole issue is considered by observers to be certain of discussion. It's probable that the "lobby law" will be rewritten after a while—either "tightened," or "loosened," no one knows.

that is commensurate with our blessings.

STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING

According to the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1945 (page 128) the total income of Baptists for 1943 was \$3,831,764,458. Certainly the income for 1946 will be much more than this, probably five billion dollars. Unquestionably, the tithe of Southern Baptists would amount to at least five times their total gifts. If their tithe of his amount were distributed in the same way that we are now distributing our combined gifts, every local church, the state interests, and the southwide interests could increase their programs five times. Suppose that Southern Baptists should give \$500,000,000 next year and that 60% of this amount should be kept within the states for all state purposes and causes, including local church budgets, and that 40% of this amount (\$200,000,000) should be distributed among the southwide agencies and institutions and boards according to our present percentages of distribution. Look at the results:

Foreign Missions, 46%	\$ 92,000,000
Home Missions, 18%	36,000,000
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5%	10,000,000
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5%	10,000,000
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 5%	10,000,000
W.M.U. Training School, 1%	2,000,000
American Baptist Theological Seminary, 2%	4,000,000
Relief and Annuity Board, 15%	30,000,000
Radio Committee, 1 9-10%	3,800,000
Baptist Brotherhood, 1%	2,000,000
Southern Baptist Hospital, 1-10%	200,000
Total	\$260,000,000

Because of our lack of faith, such figures almost paralyze our imagination. If we had faith and vision, we would commit ourselves to the task of working out a world strategy for the evangelization of the human race that would demand giving upon this basis as a minimum.

We Can Make Dreams Come True

Some will say that I am dreaming. If I am, do not wake me up, for it is only in such a dream that my soul experiences a surcease of the sense of guilt and failure of our Baptist people. Furthermore, if I am dreaming scripturally, why not challenge our people to make the dream come true? One could not hope for the fulfillment of this dream in one generation, but for the sake of generations unborn this generation should address themselves seriously to the task of coordinating our activities and challenging our people to make disciples of all nations.

Some will look at the staggering figures and say, "Our boards and institutions do not need such large amounts of money." To this claim I certainly would not dissent. It would be economically unsound and prodigal to try to blow up our present program to use this much money. We need to enlarge the program. What are five or six hundred foreign missionaries in a world like this? What are twenty-five thousand churches in a land like this? What are three seminaries in the face of a world challenge? What are our colleges and orphanages and other state institutions in the light of what we are commissioned to do? We are literally playing at the job.

Youth Will Volunteer for Service

Others will ask, "Where will we get the workers?" I verily believe that the young people of this generation or any generation, if they are shown the true significance of the gospel and the world's need for it, will respond to God's call for full-time service in such numbers as

Religious Education Association Meets February 6-7

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its first meeting since its organization in November, February 6-7, 1947 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. This was announced by S. C. Ray, president of the Association and educational director of the Main Street Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 6 and will adjourn 12:00 noon Friday, Feb. 7. A program of discussions and conferences has been planned which will be of interest to all education and music directors, church secretaries, B.S.U. secretaries, and others who are engaged in vocational religious education.

This is a new organization, the purpose of which is to provide a medium through which problems and interests of those engaged in religious education may be presented and discussed, and to provide fellowship for those engaged in similar work. Membership in the association is open to any person in Mississippi serving full time in one of the various capacities in the field of religious education. Application blanks may be secured at the meeting in Jackson, February 6th.

It is urged that there be a good attendance at this initial meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association. Such organizations in other states have proved extremely valuable.

will be necessary to translate our contributions into Christian service.

We have built our program from the local church to our southwide agencies on a basis of penury. There are so many things in the local communities which our local churches should be doing, but various and sundry agencies are being brought into existence to render the service. There are so many things within our associations and within our state conventions which need to be done in Christ's name, and because of our failure, other agencies are springing up to take over certain phases of work which belongs distinctly in the field of Christian service. Likewise, in the Southern Baptist Convention things of kindred nature are happening.

"Orthopraxy" As Well As Orthodoxy Needed

When one thinks of the needs of foreign lands, even the \$92,000,000 which the Foreign Mission Board would get each year seems but a bagatelle. My dear fellow Baptists, the greatest need among us is for "orthopraxy" in giving to match our orthodoxy in preaching. We need a stewardship revival, verily a renaissance of stewardship, which will cause our people to give proportionately to their blessings when the Saviour says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." In other words, this revival must become an expression of genuine love for the living and reigning Christ. Its object must be to preach the gospel of redemption even unto the isles of the sea.

Is it not wise then for Baptists to lay aside all expedients for extracting gifts from rebellious souls who do not understand, and instead give to them a vision, make for them a program, and lead them into an experience which will cause them to flood the world by their outflow of love, even as Christ, our Saviour and Lord, gave himself to save that which has been lost.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

"Love never fails." Love solves a thousand problems. Love makes for unity, and unity makes for happiness in the family, in the church, in the community, and in the denomination. Love breeds health of body, mind, and soul! "God is Love" is twice stated in I John 4. The spirit of Christian fellowship, Christian love, and Christian unity have lifted Mississippi Baptists these years as nothing else could. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." How He has helped us! He does not choose to do His work in a barroom. He does not choose to do His work in a house of hate!

"Love never fails." As long as we have this spirit, He will bear us up! Read Galatians, 5th chapter, for God's classification.

"Love never fails." We expect to carry these words in this heading as long as we have this page. People have quoted it to us all over Mississippi!

At times, we have seriously considered leaving off this page. It takes time. We write much of the material on the run. You can tell that. Eh? We frequently do not have time to read the proof.

Yet, we like to write about Jesus, His words, His work, His workers! Then, we go out on the field, and people begin to express appreciation for some of these messages. We come back into the office and find letters stating that a blessing has come from some message on this page. Our heart sings a constant Doxology, and you have suggested some of the reasons in the lines above. Doxology!

"For the Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor among the nations." In this verse we have some sublime truth.

So often in personal conversation, in church, in convention—we think little, we talk little, we act little.

In the above scripture, we have dynamic truth. A nation, a church, a people thinks the Kingdom is theirs—they begin to manipulate it. Not so—it belongs to the Lord, and He runs it!

Some of us have been thinking that an emperor, a king, a dictator, a prime minister, a president have been running the nations. God's word says, "the Lord is the Governor among the nations."

This truth recognized would solve many personal problems. The individual would quit trying to run his own life and turn it over to the Lord.

This truth would solve some church problems. Church bosses would stop trying to run the church, and let the Lord govern in the church life.

This truth would certainly allay grief, and bring victory in the denominational life as denominational manipulators stepped down and the Lord led His people to victory after victory.

"Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mould me and make me After Thy will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still."

		COOPERATIVE PROGRAM		OTHER DESIG.	TOTALS
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1946—DECEMBER 31	-----	\$45778.69	\$74025.56	\$11982.88	\$131787.13
1945—DECEMBER 31	-----	32849.16	79246.08	12624.29	124719.53
GAIN ---- LOSS	-----	12929.53	-5220.52	-641.41	7067.60

The figures above are very encouraging in that for the December just back of us we gained \$7,067.60 for the work of Christ over December a year ago.

In the second place, we registered a nice gain in Co-operative Program receipts this December in the sum of \$12,929.53. That really means that Mississippi Baptists are on the march! That means that Mississippi Baptists are pulling together in the work of Christ! That is true because they are in love with the Lord Jesus Christ!

However, we have not yet doubled contributions through the Co-operative Program, and we must do that month by month if we are to reach our \$1,000,000 Co-operative Program goal in 1947.

The majority of our Baptists undoubtedly decided to major on the Co-operative Program. The only way to continue this emphasis is to put it over victoriously. That means increased giving on the part of our people, and it means a larger percentage of tithes and offerings channeled through the Co-operative Program. See that your church has a worthy share before it is too late!

II

Several important matters are before us at this time. First, is the Evangelistic Visitation Campaign January, February, March, and April. The messengers of the churches in conventions, committees, and board sessions suggested January for preparation by prayer, publicity, and preaching on soul winning. The Associational moderators and clerks or some other designated person will lead in the organization of the campaign in each association.

February is to be a time of census taking and using.

The Evangelistic Conference will be held in Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, February 25, starting at 9:15 in the morning and running through the 28th, Friday evening.

March is to be a period of training of workers in the church and throughout each association.

April is to be a time of harvesting.

Second, we are in the beginnings of a tremendous Co-operative Program emphasis. Mississippi Baptists, 325,000 strong with their 1600 churches, are going after \$1,000,000 this year of 1947 through the Co-operative Program alone for all the work of Christ. Do your best in it. Live to rejoice over the memory of it. Lead your church in the having a great part in it.

A great Co-operative Program promotional meeting will be held in First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, February 3, starting at 9:30 in the morning and adjourning at 4:30 in the afternoon. Miss Kathleen Mallory, Dr. George W. Sadler, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. Duke K. McCall, and other outstanding southwide and state leaders and pastors will speak.

We expect over 1000 pastors, Sunday school superintendents, B.T.U. directors, Brotherhood presidents, W.M.U. presidents, finance committee chairmen, associational moderators, associational clerks, and other Evangelistic Visitation Campaign leaders and workers to be present. In addition, whosoever will, let him come.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

III

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." (I Samuel 7:12.) In leaving one year freighted with the blessings of God, we are deeply appreciative of His goodness and leadership! How good God has been to us! How He has blessed Mississippi Baptists! Certainly 1946 was our best year at His hands! That is as it should have been! Each year with Him we build up on the years gone before! God is going somewhere, and He knows where He is going! His people should be (and are) going somewhere, and they should know (and do) where they are going! Doxology!

We appreciate our staff members, every one—we have a fine group!

We appreciate our pastors! From Paul, the apostle and general worker, until now, a denominational worker never had a finer one!

We appreciate these 1600 churches of our Lord! Everyone is a great church. He makes it that, whether large or small, whether in rural places, villages, or cities!

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

IV

We regret that the Southern Seminary was omitted from our calendar of activities for the month of September. Those of you who use the calendar of activities in building your church program will want to insert it.

We flew down to Hattiesburg for an engagement with Pastor W. R. Storie and the other saints at Providence Baptist Church. We had a good service in a lovely building.

At night we were at Old Plank Church in Carroll County. Brother W. D. Ellingburg is the fine pastor. The people attended in large numbers.

We spoke both times during the day on Foreign Missions.

The last Sunday of the year, we flew back to Hattiesburg for an engagement at Central Church. Brother H. L. Davis, pastor, is happy in the work. The congregation filled the house.

We flew on up to Meridian for a night service at South Side, supplying for Pastor A. Estus Mason. The congregation was very responsive.

This ended speaking engagements for 1946. People are going to church. Nine out of ten of our pastors are leading the people in worthy fashion. They work with Jesus as He says, "I will build my church." Doxology!

V

Many of you will remember getting a letter with envelopes for our annual State Mission offering. 99 out of every 100 responses are usually in appreciation, but once in a great while someone misunderstands what it is all about. The following letter is self-explanatory.

"Dear Mr. McCall:

My parents were missionary Baptist and it is with regret and respect that I must tell you I cannot begin to conform to the teachings and practices of your sect. I'm not going into detail about these practices—since the Baptists, as I understand them, are out to instruct rather than be instructed.

You say your Executive Committee knows my problems. Well! Well! I didn't know that I'm being watched like that.

I hope I'm not the dupe that you may take me for. The All Mighty has blessed me with a small amount of grey matter and I think it is my duty to use and cultivate it. So I prefer to do my own thinking—always seeking Divine Guidance.

Please discontinue the Record. Also the other literature asking for obscure donations.—Please don't be offended—I'm your friend. God Bless you.

Sincerely,"

We are constantly encouraged by spiritual fruits accruing in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Read the words of Jesus in Matthew, 13th chapter, and you will find some seeds fell in the stony ground, some in the thorns, some on good ground, and so forth.

We feel the excerpt given below from a letter just received will gladden your hearts as it did ours. "Dear Dr. McCall:

"Greetings to you in Jesus dear name. I have planned so long to write and tell you how you impressed me by your theme for the summer, 'Lead Me to Some Soul Today.' It has been ringing in my mind until I asked the Lord to lead me. To make a long story short, I was led to five souls in two days and I had the glorious pleasure of winning them to Christ. Brother Percy Ray is our pastor. The Lord is blessing him in his work for Him. Pray for him. I have heard him pray for you so much. Please send me more tracts on soul winning and other subjects. I found the song mentioned above in a song book and it sure is beautiful."

VI

Bryan in a "Workable Plan of Evangelism" lists nine points of efficient visiting as:

1. Secure a favorable environment.
2. Have one conversation at a time.
3. Ask questions.
4. Avoid a "No".
5. Don't argue.
6. Get decision of first one ready.
7. Don't close too soon.
8. Close as soon as possible.
9. Do your best; don't get discouraged.

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As We Look At 1947

By Louis D. Newton

"How swift they come! Year
after year arrives, but soon is gone
—a little space in which work
must be done, on the way Home!"

"Moscow, Dec. 31, 1946. Dear
Brother Newton: Heartiest good
wishes for you and through you
to our Brothers and Sisters of the
Southern Baptist Convention. May
God give you new power for sacrificial
service in Christ's cause. Jacob Zhidkov,
Pres't; Alexander Kareff, Sec'y, All Union Council
Evangelical Baptists of the USSR."

A million tithers among Southern
Baptists in 1947! A shockingly
low estimate of the willingness of
Southern Baptists to adopt the irreducible
minimum of stewardship! but think what it
would mean in the furtherance of the
Kingdom of God! I earnestly and
fraternally urge my fellow pastors
to lead their people to tithe
in 1947.

President Truman promised a
group of us last June to terminate
the appointment of Myron C. Taylor
"at an early date." Also to call
home the U.S. Embassy at the
Vatican. The President has very
recently reiterated that promise.
Mr. Taylor's "thirty-day visit" has
ended. I confidently count on the
President keeping his promise.

Pastor Niemoeller, in Atlanta,
January 1, said: "Hitler was mistaken
when he thought he could silence
the Christians. He was a wolf in sheep's
clothing. We suffered greatly, but it was
God's way of letting us know that His
grace is sufficient. Nothing can silence
the church so long as we preach
Christ crucified—the hope of the
world."

Above all, we desire a revival in
1947—a revival in every heart, in
every home, in every church.
"Lord, send a revival, and let it
begin in me." And when God's

people experience a real revival,
the world will take knowledge,
and many shall be saved. "Rejoice
evermore. Pray without ceasing.
In everything give thanks; for this is
the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you."

—I Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

—BR—

Dr. McCall Makes A Worthy Appeal

The appeal printed below appeared
in last week's Baptist Record, but in
some way the correct head was left off.
This omission killed much of the value
of the appeal.

Hence we reprint it and urge
our readers to give heed to Dr. McCall's
words. As Executive Secretary of the
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
he is familiar with all our work and
knows how helpful the Baptist Record
is to everything which Mississippi
Baptists promote.

At the start of 1947 Mississippi
Baptists numbered over 300,000.
With the accepted 4 readers for each
subscription this would mean 75,000
Baptist Records going out each week
for all Mississippi Baptists to have
the opportunity to read this great
periodical each week.

We could do this tremendously
significant thing if all Mississippi
Baptists would give Editor and
Circulation Manager, A. L. Goodrich,
their full help and cooperation. Let
us start the New Year right in this
regard. GET YOUR CHURCH ON THE
"EVERY FAMILY" PLAN. SEND IN YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION NOW!

—BR—

Committee Commends Baptist Record

At the recent meeting of the
Baptist Convention Board, the
Committee on the Baptist Record,
Editorial and Circulation Department,
was very complimentary in its report.

All members of the committee
are friends of the editor and their
friendship must have blinded them to
the editor's short comings. If praises
are due they belong to our hard-working
helpers, Miss Elizabeth Draughon,
Mrs. Eleanor Smith and Mrs. Margie
McCall (who helps when the work piles
up.).

But deserved or undeserved, the
report of the Baptist Record Committee
sounds good and we want to share it
with our readers. The report with the
exception of the last paragraph which
refers to the printing and not to the
editorial department follows:

Man does not attain finality in
this life, and there are advances yet
to be made in the Baptist Record.
We have a great State De-

nominal paper, and able Editor,
and a large circulation. We wish to
commend Dr. A. L. Goodrich as follows:

1. The Editorial Page is good,
giving us editorials of high order.
The plan of printing a selected
editorial weekly has been of interest
and very helpful.

2. The Plan of Printing news
items from the churches over the
state is always interesting and
helpful, and we suggest as much
news from the field be gathered
and published as is practical and
in keeping with the proper proportions
of space.

3. We commend the pages given
to the departments of our state
work, namely the Executive Secretary's
page, the Sunday School, the Baptist
Training Union, the Brotherhood and
W.M.U., B.S.U. and Music and such
other columns afforded our state
workers to keep us informed on our
work.

4. We are grateful that nothing
is permitted to go into the Record
that is not true to the teachings of
the Bible, and in keeping with our
Baptist position, or that would hurt
or hinder our State Work. We have,
in our state denominational paper,
a mighty promotional agency.

5. The Circulation speaks for
itself. The Circulation now stands
at 55,567. The increase in Circulation
has added much to the work of the
Editor. We therefore recommend that
pastors help to increase the circulation
by personal participation and promotion.
Remove much of this burden from the
shoulders of our Editor. The saturation
point is probably not less than 75,000.
We commend the EVERY FAMILY Plan,
and the Official Family Plan now in
operation, and we urge that all
pastors be very careful in looking
after both renewal of subscriptions
and new subscribers in every church.

6. The individual reading of our
paper is of vital importance, therefore
we heartily commend the contents of
our paper and urge the interest of
our pastors in the promotion of the
reading of the Record in every family.

7. As increased circulation will
increase the influence of all the
departments of our work, therefore
we recommend that all Convention
Board workers be instructed to promote
the circulation of the Baptist Record
at every meeting at which they appear.

We have in mind the same plan
as used by the Representatives of the
Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Signed:

J. F. BROCK
VARDA SMITH
HOWARD H. AULTMAN
H. M. COLLINS

Clip 'Em-Send 'Em

Attention is called to an advertisement
in this issue of the Record urging
that liquor and beer ads be clipped
and mailed to publishers, expressing
disapproval of the advertisement.

Successful advertising is compulsory
in nature—to induce the people to buy
advertised products. Manufacturers and
dealers are spending one hundred million
dollars a year to advertise liquor and
beer, and the impact on the public
mind of this huge expenditure in
advertising by liquor and beer forces
is amazing and alarming. The success
of the program is shown by the increased
amount spent for beer and liquor in
1946—estimated to be ten billion
dollars, two billion more than in 1945.

We believe the protest plan is good.
Publishers are sensitive to reader
reaction, and if protest is made in
sufficient volume something will be
done. We urge and we believe that
Mississippi Baptists will join heartily
in the Nation-wide program of protest—
and that they will enlist others and
keep on protesting until something is
done.

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A Good Opportunity For Preachers

Next Monday, January 13 the
Preachers' School begins a two weeks'
session. Because of the housing
shortage the school will be held at
First Church, Philadelphia.

Recent issues of the Baptist Record
have carried full information. The
faculty would be a credit to any
seminary. And the fact that the good
people of Philadelphia will entertain
the visiting preachers is sufficient
guarantee that room and board will
be of the best.

We hope no Mississippi Baptist
will overlook this opportunity.

—BR—

A Stewardship Call From Dr. McCall

Every reader of this issue of the
Baptist Record should carefully read
the article beginning on page one
entitled, "IT IS STEWARDSHIP OR
ELSE". The author is Dr. Ellis A.
Fuller, outstanding Baptist leader
and president of the Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary.

The article deals with the need
for a revival of stewardship. It is
a timely emphasis for although
Southern Baptist incomes are greater
than ever before, our giving has not
kept step with our incomes. It is true
that total gifts are larger than ever
before, but it is also tragically true
that based on income, present day
giving is less than in previous years.

But read Dr. Fuller's inspiring
article.

Eleven Young People From Prentiss Separated For Special Service



Above are pictured eleven boys and girls from the young people's department of the Prentiss Baptist Church who have dedicated their lives to Christian service in the past four or five years. (Left to right) Bonnie Jean Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cleveland, sophomore pre-med student at Mississippi Southern College, has dedicated her life to Christian service and plans to prepare herself in the field of religious education and music. Helen Tyrone, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tyrone, home economics major at M.S.C.W., has

dedicated her life to whatever field of service she feels led to serve in. Floriene Williams Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams and wife of Rev. David Byrd, is completing her final year's work toward a Master's Degree in Religious Education at the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville. Jeanne Dale Walden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Walden, Sr., senior at the Prentiss High School, recently dedicated her life to Christian Service and feels now that her work will be with the denominational program for young people. (Bottom Row) Truett Boyd, son of Mr.

and Mrs. J. O. Boyd, a ministerial student in his junior year at Mississippi College, was licensed to preach by the Prentiss Baptist Church in a special service on April 26, 1942. He was honorably separated from the Navy recently after two years of service. Mary Kathryn Parker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Parker, junior at Louisiana State University where she is majoring in music, has dedicated her life to service in the field of sacred music. Dorothy Tyrone, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tyrone, a recent graduate from M.S.C.W., dedicated her life as a Christian school teacher. Archie Rose Smith, only

daughter of A. B. Smith, after completing three years as a physical education major at L.S.U., is now a student at Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort, Texas, where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in Religious Education. Ada Jean Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Foster, senior at Prentiss High School, recently dedicated her life as a Christian service worker. Ralph Beets, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Beets, licensed and ordained by the Prentiss Baptist Church, is now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

To The Dear Mothers Of The Southland

This is an appeal to the motherly, motherless and mothers, who have babies six years of age who are in heaven.

There is a very great need of a kindergarden building at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where young mothers can leave their children so they can attend classes with their husbands and be more efficient in the Lord's work. We can have this building if we take Nehemiah as an example—and "we have a mind to build".

Let us put our hands down in our "jeans" and apron pockets and break the piggy banks.

"We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us".

"Whatsoever you do in my name, believing, it shall be done unto you."

So let's get to work and "keep on praying" until we pray it through.

—A Lady from Mississippi

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AN ALL TIME HIGH was reached by W. M. U. organizations at First Church, Pontotoc, in the recent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Total contributions amounted to \$1,320.35. The Business Women's Circle alone contributed \$1,052.50 of the total amount.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCH TO OBSERVE SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Chester Swor Speaks

Spiritual Emphasis Week with Accent on Youth will be observed by the Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor, January 12-17 with Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson, nationally known youth leader, speaking twice daily at 7:00 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening. Dr. Swor will be on hand for all the services on Sunday the 12th.

A general reception for the whole church will be held on Monday evening following the service, while on Thursday evening after services a special youth group reception will be held.

On the other week nights a conference and question period will be conducted by the visiting speaker.

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Carman Sharp, Mississippian and graduate of Mississippi College, has been called to be pastor of First Church, Bardstown, Kentucky, where he will succeed Dr. N. H. Moody, now located at Columbia, Kentucky.

LAST CALL

The Mississippi Baptist Pastor's School starts next Monday, January 13, and continues for two weeks—Classes Monday through Friday of each week. There are five classes—New Testament, Preaching, Religious Education, Church Administration, and Evangelism. Some outstanding men will teach—Dr. E. P. Alldredge, T. D. Brown, Rev. Kenneth Hall, Dr. F. M. Powell, Dr. Charles Treadway, and Dr. Walter L. Johnson.

Classes start 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia. Work is practical and helpful.

In Memory of J. W. Taylor

On Dec. 9th, Brother J. W. Taylor, passed on to be with the Lord. After receiving his Master's Degree from Peabody, he spent the remainder of his life in educational work. For eight years he served his native county (Prentiss) as Superintendent of Education. For the last several years he had done research work for The Trustees of Higher Institutions of Learning in Miss.

He was a Deacon in the Daniel Baptist Church, and also Treasurer of the church. He not only gave his moral support to the church services on Sunday, but Wednesday evening found him in the mid-week service. He liberally supported the church financially. Members of his Bible Class say he was the best Sunday school teacher they had ever heard. He lived his religion and it made him, and those with whom he came in contact, happy.

He leaves his wife, two sons, Billie, who is a Junior in Harvard, studying medicine, and Jimmie, who is in the elementary school at Byram. Not only has the family lost a devoted husband and father; but Daniel Church, and the community has sustained a great loss. He sleeps in Lakewood Memorial Park, Jackson, Miss.

—His Pastor, C. S. Thomas.

New Zion Elects Officers

The following officers and teachers were elected for New Zion Church, Copiah County, of which Rev. Guy Little is pastor:

Sunday School Superintendent, Jesse Clower; Assistant, Fred Pevey; Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer, Monroe Taylor; Assistant, T. J. Singletary; Church Clerk, Jesse Clower; Assistant, E. E. Clower; Church Treasurer, Robert Thornton; Assistant, Edward Taylor; Pianist, Mrs. Willie Thornton; Assistant, Sue Berch; Chorister, Andrew Bishop; Assistant, Willie Thornton; Housekeepers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor; Training Union Director, Mrs. T. J. Singletary; President W.M.S., Mrs. Edward Taylor; Librarian, Mrs. E. E. Clower; Reporter, Ann Thornton; Teacher, Young Ladies' Class, Mrs. Jesse Thornton; Assistant, Mrs. Willie Thornton; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Roy Chapman; Assistant, Mrs. Willie Drew; Beginner teacher, Mrs. Howard Hughes; Assistant, Onzelle Manning; Primary Girls' Teacher, Mrs. T. M. Henderson; Assistant, Mrs. Guy A. Little; Junior Boys' Teacher, W. J. Cottingham; Assistant, Ann Thornton Primary Boys' Teacher, Mrs. Shelby Taylor; Junior Girls' Teacher, Mrs. Robert Thornton; Assistant, Mrs. Addie Clower; Intermediate Boys' Teacher, Mrs. Edward Taylor; Assistant, May Lynn Thornton; G. I. Class Teacher, Rev. Guy A. Little.—Ann Thornton, Reporter.

— Woman's Missionary Union —

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Slédge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

RELIEF PACKAGES TO RUMANIA

Mrs. W. E. Craighead, (Missionary to Rumania), recently supplied the following information:

Packages for suffering Baptists in Rumania may now be sent—
Care of Dni Petre A. Belicov
Str. Berzel 29
Bucharest, Rumania

Weight of Package: 22 lbs. permitted weekly
Cost: 22c for first pound, 14c for each additional pound. Total cost for 22 pounds \$3.16

In Addressing Packages for Shipment use P.O. Labels (free on request)
4 Customs Declaration Labels (2 in envelopes to be sealed by post office clerk). 1 Dispatch Note (white). 1 Int. Parcel Post Sticker (yellow)

Important Requirement: Write "Unsolicited Gifts" plainly on each package.
Suggested Gifts: 1. Used, clean clothing for men, women and children (including infants), shoes in good condition, sewing materials, odorless soap etc.

2. Food — any dehydrated or tinned foods, sweetened powders for milk or puddings, instant coffee, postum, tea, chocolate, cocoa, sugar, soup mix, dried peas, beans, corn etc.

Restrictions: Money, jewelry, gold or silver, artificial pepper, saccharin, medicines, fats and oils, measuring instruments, all printed matter.

SHINING LIKE THE STARS is the title of the Home Mission Book to be released this week. The book is written by Harold Dye and has as its theme 'Evangelism'. It can be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson for 50c per copy. It is first on our recommended list of Home Mission Books for study in preparation for the Home Mission Season of Prayer in March. There are other Home Mission books available, among them "Of One", "The Stranger within our Gates", these are also available at the Book Store.

MUSIC EMPHASIS FOR 1947

The Music Department, under the supervision of Mr. Luther Harrison, is seeking to be of service and help in all the departments of our church life. It is his hope and we join him in it, that music both instrumental and vocal will be used effectively in our worship services, program meetings, etc. I am quoting from a leaflet published by the Music Department:

"Each Woman's Missionary Union in the state is asked to organize a Woman's Missionary Union Octet. These octets will sing for local, associational, and district meetings as they are called upon. They will use the book "Coleman's Quartets for Women" as their official book.

Organize your Octet and send the names to the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. All Octets will be invited to sing in a Ladies' Chorus at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, Friday night, July 4, 1947 at our State Leadership Music Conference.

It is suggested that special emphasis be placed on Missionary Hymns in all Woman's Missionary Union Programs this year."

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record, Mr. Harrison used in his column the picture of the FIRST Octet. You will remember that this is a Woman's Missionary Union Octet and that means that you can draw from

your Business Woman's Circle or your Young Woman's Auxilliary.

Mr. Geo. W. Card of the Sunday School Board (Sales and Advertising Dept.) asked that we call to your attention: "An unavoidable error occurs in the W.M.U. Year Book, 1947, page 51, in that Livingstone, the Liberator is listed at 95 cents instead of \$1.25.

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"Evangelism In Sermon and Song" by Dr. E. O. Sellers is a new book on Evangelism that is neither academic nor theoretical. It is a unique and charming record of personal experience. It gives first hand information on evangelistic methods gleaned from the author's association with world-renowned evangelists and gospel singers—Moody, Torrey, Chapman, Sunday, Sankey, Alexander, Towner, Bagriel, Stebbins.

There's an interesting review of evangelism in the period between two wars... the War Between the States and World War I, and an excellent chapter on the qualifications of an evangelist.

This is a book of interest and value to everyone concerned with tried and proved ways to win the lost. The author, Dr. Sellers, was for many years professor of music at the Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary). He recently retired because of age. The price is \$1.25 and the publisher is the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois. Order from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

ASHVILLE, N. C., —(RNS)— The North Carolina Baptist State Convention is planning to establish a frequency modulation station for state-wide broadcasts. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the group at its annual session here, and it was recommended that the convention utilize talent in all Baptist institutions to build varied programs of religious value.

LEXINGTON, Ky., —(RNS)— A two-story, four-family brick apartment house has been obtained by the Kentucky State Baptist Convention for use as a church student center here at the University of Kentucky. The building will be converted into a center for the 2,000 Baptist students attending the university and for an additional 2,000 at other colleges in central Kentucky. Religious services, prayer and watch meetings, and social programs are planned for the center.

American Baptist Theological Seminary Reports Growth

Dr. Ralph W. Riley, President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee, reports that the school has the largest enrollment in its history. There are enrolled 110 students, coming from 24 states and the Bahama Islands. Of this number 51 are G.I.'s who served around the World in World War II.

There have been three additions to the growing faculty of the Seminary: Professor V. A. Edwards, A.B.; M.A.; B.D., director of Rural Division of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., has been secured as a part-time instructor.

Another addition to the faculty is Professor Victor T. Glass, who holds the A.B. Degree from Carson-New-

Arkansas Baptists Take Dry Stand

TEXARKANA, Ark., —(RNS)— The Arkansas Baptist State Convention went on record here as opposed to currently publicized proposals for state - owned or state - controlled liquor stores. The group also adopted a resolution "decrying the use of tobacco among our people," and another asking President Truman to recall his representative to the Vatican.

Adopting a report of its Committee on Prohibition, the Convention protested against the federal government's encouragement of "bootlegging" by issuing federal licenses to sell liquor in dry territory. It was reported that there are 787 federal licenses compared to 504 state permits in Arkansas. Church forces have been able to ban sale of all alcoholic liquors in 31 of the state's 75 counties through local option elections.

The report also noted that "many church members are drinking, causing leaders to side-step the liquor issue," and urged Baptists to "be total abstainers and to oppose the liquor traffic."

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The year 1946 was marked by successful relief campaigns conducted by both Northern and Southern Baptists.

Progress in working out Christian approach to race relations was demonstrated in action of Georgia Baptists voting to have joint session with Georgia Negro Baptist Convention, and action of Southern Baptist Convention calling for more definite study of problem.

The New Mexico Convention has discontinued the custom of having their annual Board meeting in connection with the State Convention, but instead will hold it several days in advance of the Convention so that all recommendations which will be made to the Convention can be published in their state paper before the Convention, thereby giving the churches, and particularly the messengers of the Convention an opportunity to study them.—Pastor.

--- Seven Protestant editors have asked Attorney General Clark to investigate the status of Vatican officials in the United States. This investigation comes as a result of the recent trial of Arch-bishop Stephinatz in Yugoslavia when Roman Catholic leaders said that the Yugoslav state could not try a Vatican official. The Protestant officials want to know if Vatican officials in this country consider themselves immune from American courts.

Evergreen Church Is Now Full-Time—Van Horn Pastor

Evergreen Church, Rt. 1, Shubuta has begun a full-time program and has called Rev. L. T. Van Horn as pastor.

Since calling the new pastor, a Young People's Union has been organized with Miss Gwenda Huddleston, president and Miss Imogene West, advisor. The W.M.S. is growing and a Brotherhood will be organized soon.

An addition to the present building is planned to help meet the needs of the Sunday School.

The following were recently ordained Deacons: Paul Huddleston and Rev. West. Rev. W. L. Meadows of Quitman preached the ordination sermon.

Pastor Van Horn was educated in Michigan and also took Seminary work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He spent three and one-half years in the Infantry during World War II as a Rifle Squad Leader.

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Rev. H. P. Porter To Pastor Three Franklin Co. Churches

Rev. H. P. Porter, who recently resigned as pastor of East McComb Church in order to work toward his degree at Mississippi College has been called to three half time churches, Concord, Sarepta and O'Zion, all in Adams-Franklin Association.

Due to the housing shortage at Clinton, Mrs. Porter and the children have been with her parents at Meadville but expect to join Mr. Porter in Clinton sometime in January.

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Texas Baptists Plan Network Of FM Radio Stations

MINERAL WELLS, Texas —(RNS)— Plans for a state-wide network of frequency modulation radio stations were made here by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its 61st annual meeting.

The delegates approved the program after its presentation by R. Alton Reed, chairman of the Texas Baptist Radio Commission. Reed proposed that the key station be situated in Dallas with Baptists there owning the station and the State Baptist Board owning the network. Programs would include religion, agriculture, education; sports, news, and entertainment.

The Convention also voted to raise \$500,000 or more to purchase property adjacent to state school campuses and to erect Baptist Student Union center buildings.

Simultaneous revivals over the 17 districts of the Convention were mapped as part of a campaign to emphasize the denomination's program of evangelism.

Financial and moral support was pledged to efforts of the United Texas Drys to restrict liquor sales in the states. The Convention declared that "a legally dry Texas is the first step in the conquest of the state for the cause of civic righteousness."

The Convention approved a shuffling of the trustees of Baylor University and adopted a statement of principles obviously designed to prevent a recurrence of the situation last year when President Truman was awarded an honorary degree by the University. The Convention had opposed the degree because the President, who is a Baptist, reportedly did not side with the liquor abstinence principles of the denomination.

DOROTHY PAGE

CHAPTER X

The Disciple Preacher

The next morning was spent by Dorothy at the library searching through encyclopedias and making full notes. On the next evening the discussion was resumed.

"Well, here we are," said the father, coming into the library a short while after supper. He had heard Mr. Sterling's voice. "Now let us take up the subject of the other churches."

Sterling was anxious to get into that subject, for he felt confident that the result would be that Dorothy would find it as easy to decide for the Presbyterians as for any of the others, and probably more so. He began with the remark:

"The other denominations — the Methodist, the Episcopal and the Catholic — which you mentioned last night believe just as we do about sprinkling, and infant baptism."

"There now," said the father, "you are shut out of four denominations at the start."

"That may be true," said Dorothy, with a troubled look on her face, "and yet what else can I do? Is there no church, Mr. Sterling, that believes that only immersion is baptism and that only believers ought to be baptized?"

"Yes, there is one denomination — the Campbellites, or rather the Disciples — for they do not like the first name. The Disciples believe only in immersion and the immersion of believers. They are the only denomination that teach this except, I believe, the Baptists; but of course you would not join them."

"It looks, daughter, as if you are shut up to the Disciples."

"But think, Miss Dorothy, these Disciples have just started up not a great many years ago. They are a small denomination and with few churches."

"That does not make any difference. Believing as I do about the Bible, I would certainly feel more comfortable with them than with some other denominations whose doctrines I could not accept. It seems to me I would have to cry out and not keep quiet."

"But how do you know that you would believe the other doctrines of the Disciples? You seem to have fallen suddenly in love with them."

"What do they believe?"

"They believe in baptismal regeneration."

"My, those are words!" said Dorothy with a smile.

"What do you mean by that, Mr. Sterling?" asked Mr. Page.

"They believe that a person's sins are washed away in baptism."

"Washed away in baptism?" asked Dorothy with amazement. "Are you sure they believe such a strange doctrine?"

"I know it. I have heard their ministers say that a person was not saved until he was baptized."

"What, even though the person had believed in Christ?"

"They say that a person is only partly saved and not completely saved until he is baptized."

"I can't understand, Mr. Sterling, what you mean by being partly saved. Don't you reckon you have been misinformed about these people?"

"I have been told that there is a Disciple preacher that lives here in town," said the father, "and that he has two churches out in the county, but makes his home here. Suppose you capture him, Sterling, and march him up here to speak for himself, and tell



EARL W. WALDRUP

Earl Waldrup Coming To Miss. Available For January 11-13

Earl Waldrup, head of the Visual Education Department of the BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, Nashville, Tennessee, is to be in Jackson for a series of meetings January 11 through 13. The Baptist Book Store is sponsoring these engagements for Mr. Waldrup, as the beginning of an intensive Visual Educational program for Mississippi churches. He will be in the Book Store Saturday afternoon January 11 for consultation. The Baptist Book Store invites all interested persons to come in and talk with him.

He will speak to the Central Baptist Pastor's Conference Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Building. An association-wide mass meeting is scheduled for Monday night, January 13, at the First Baptist Church at 7:30. All pastors, educational directors, Sunday School teachers, B.T.U. leaders, and anyone interested in Visual education, please remember these dates.

him you have a prospective member for him." The last remark was accompanied with a smile at Sterling and a wink towards the daughter.

"No, indeed, you must not tell him that," spoke up Dorothy. "And yet I should like to hear about the doctrines of his church. I want to know my duty and I desire all the light I can get."

Sterling felt sure that Dorothy would recoil from the doctrines of the Disciple church.

On the next evening at eight o'clock Mr. Sterling arrived, bringing the Rev. Mr. Garland, the Disciple minister. He was a striking figure. Young, tall and with classic face and fluent speech, he commanded attention at his first word. Sterling saw that he was captured immediately by Dorothy's beauty, and he thought that he also noticed that the handsome young preacher was not entirely unobserved by Dorothy. But the shadowy suspicion flitted out of his mind as rapidly as it had slipped in. Not a great many words were spent in preliminaries. Mr. Sterling soon remarked:

"Miss Dorothy, I have told Mr. Garland about the earnest study you are making of the different churches. The question came up, Mr. Garland, as to the doctrines of your church. I told them your church believed in immersion as baptism and also in the immersion of none but believers."

Mr. Garland with a bow indicated that Sterling had stated the case correctly.

"I also said that your church believed in baptismal regeneration."

"Oh, never!" replied Mr. Garland.

"I thought you believed that a per-

son was not saved until he was baptized."

"Yes, but that is a very different statement from your first one."

"What is the difference? If he is not saved until he is baptized, then I should think his baptism must have something to do with his salvation."

"Here is my position: The Bible declares that he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Note that not he that believeth shall be saved, but he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. That shows that it takes both believing and baptism to save a person."

"How about the thief on the cross? He was saved without baptism, don't you think so?"

"Baptism was impossible for him, and God does not require impossibilities. Besides, that was an unusual case and Christ made an exception in his conversion and salvation."

"But does the Bible say it was an exceptional case? If he could be saved without baptism, why not others? But let me remind you that you did not read to the end of that passage that you quoted just now. You read a part — 'he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved' — but read the remainder of the verse."

Mr. Garland repeated the other part of the verse as follows: "He that believeth not shall be damned."

"Exactly," said Sterling. "That seems to teach that believing is the important thing. He does not say that a person is lost if he leaves out both believing and baptism, but simply if he leaves out believing, as if believing was the necessary thing for salvation. If baptism had been a necessary part of salvation, Christ would have said 'he that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned'."

"Not at all. There are two things necessary to salvation, believing and baptism, and leaving out either one of them is sufficient to cause a person to be lost. You have to mention both of them in stating what is necessary for salvation, but you need mention only one of them which, if neglected, will cause a person to be lost."

"You think, then, Christ could also have said 'he that is not baptized shall be damned'? Would a believer in Christ be lost if he were not baptized?"

"If he could be baptized and would not be, then I think he would be lost."

"Mr. Garland," said Dorothy, "really I cannot understand what you mean. Mr. Sterling said that he thought your denomination believed that in baptism the water washed away a person's sins. You say you do not believe that. Do you think the water has any magic about it? If Mr. Sterling should immerse a person, would that water help to make him a saved person?"

"No, not that. I do not believe the water has any spiritual cleansing or saving efficacy, and I don't think it does anybody any good whatever unless the person first believes in Christ. I think believing is one part and that baptism is the second part."

"You don't think, then," asked Mr. Sterling, "that a person is saved simply by believing?"

At this point a message came for Mr. Sterling that he was wanted at his home on an important matter. "Too bad," he said, "for this discussion is getting mighty interesting. I hate to miss any of it."

"We will hold it until your return," said Dorothy. "I will try to keep Mr. Garland contented during your absence."

Sterling could not understand why

Baptist Memorial Hospital Fosters Religion

By Dr. V. E. Boston, Hospital Chaplain

The administration of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, is fortunate in having as Superintendent, Dr. Frank S. Gröner, who is a devout, consecrated Christian layman. He joins wholeheartedly with the pastor of the hospital, the Student Secretary, Miss Mary Gresham and other Christian workers to make the hospital thoroughly Christian from the very center to the outer fringes.

It will be of interest to Baptist people throughout the Tri-States to know of the many activities for Student Nurses. All students are urged to attend some local church service each Sunday, and to move their church membership to take a place in Training Union, Sunday School and other activities of the church. During week days, many things for their spiritual development are offered at the hospital such as Monday evening Prayer Service led by Pastor V. E. Boston, Y.-W.A. Volunteer Band and daily Noon-Day Prayer Meetings. A special Prayer Room in the Nurses Home is attractively furnished and beautifully decorated so that students may go there for private devotions and to meet their prayer mates. Special attention is given to the Annual Revival each fall, and to Focus Week sponsored by the Baptist Student Union in March. In this work with the student nurses there is a two-fold aim: first, to win the lost to Christ, secondly, to enlist and develop the saved in all Christian graces.

Much time is given by the pastor of the hospital to visiting the sick. Great opportunity is afforded the pastor to strengthen the Christians in faith, and to lead unsaved people to know Christ as Savior. Almost without exception, people who come to be healed in body are ready also for healing of soul.

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A good brother from another state writes as follows: "Permit me to say, 'Mississippi' is doing wonders for the cause—if you could only see and know others you would know how marvelously you are doing."

she should be so contented to have him leave and should so happily accept Mr. Garland's company. The thought that he might not be able to return that night irritated him. Fortunately, he was successful in attending in a few minutes to the matter that called him home, and in less than twenty minutes he was hurrying back across the lawn to the Page library.

"Hello," said the father, "you must have chartered the lightning express. But we held up the proceedings until your return and are now ready to get down to business again. Where were we when you left?"

"I had just asked Mr. Garland if he believed a person was saved simply by believing, and he remarked that he did not. I would like to ask Mr. Garland this question: What about the inquiry that the Philippiian jailer put to Paul and Silas? You remember that when the jailer was converted he came in trembling before Paul and Silas and said: 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And what did they answer? 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Not one word, you see about baptism."

(Continued next week)

The Importance Of A Good Church Census In The Visitation Revival

By Walter L. Johnson, PH.D., Pastor First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss.

The plan for a statewide, simultaneous, Visitation Revival during February, March, and April includes the taking of a census by every church in the month of February. This is wise.

A census is of inestimable value: It is definite. It tells who and what and where. It locates responsibility. It eliminates guesswork with facts. It lends itself to thoroughness and system. Through it many people can be guided into specific tasks.

At times one hears a pastor or other worker saying that there are no unsaved or unenlisted in his community. A census almost always proves otherwise. An ounce of census is worth a pound of argument.

The annual census is a practical necessity as a basis of information around which an efficient and aggressive church program can be planned and executed. One doubts that the work of a church would be constructive and adequate without it. Even more so at this time, in view of the Visitation Revival soon to begin, is a census needed in every church.

Do we need a census every year? Indeed we do. Many are moving about in the changing conditions in which we live. After a year the average pastor or worker often loses a sense of the sharp outline of his responsibility unless it is visualized to him afresh in the annual census. Some churches with rapidly shifting populations should take a census twice a year. The demands of life are so large and varied that we may forget many people, new and old, unless a systematic and thorough census brings them constantly before our minds.

We call attention to the phrase, "a good census." The information may be incomplete, or, if complete, may not be tabulated in an attractive, usable, and permanent form. Even if the information is complete and well tabulated, the purpose of the census may be nullified by the lack of an adequate program to utilize its findings.

I. HOW TO TAKE A GOOD CENSUS

The Sunday school study course book, *Building a Standard Sunday School*, by Arthur Flake (on sale at the Baptist Book Store for 40c in paper and 60c in cloth, the best book of its kind ever written), has an excellent treatment on the subject of the census, pages 32 to 40. Please study these pages carefully. Its suggestions should be closely followed. Reason and large experience are behind every statement and none can be disregarded without consequent loss.

Without attempting here a full discussion, we merely emphasize some aspects of a good census. A capable director will secure a sufficient number of census cards (free during the Visitation Revival) for every individual in the community from Dr. D. A. McCall, Mississippi Baptist Executive Secretary, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. The director will apportion the territory to an adequate number of workers. Each worker should be able to cover his division in two or three hours. It is better for all to complete the task on the same day.

Everyone who helps in taking a census should realize that he is dealing with immortal souls who are going to an endless Heaven or an endless Hell. He should be aware of his privilege and responsibility in carrying the salvation and blessings of Christ to those with whom he has to do. Every white home, regardless of denominational affiliation, should be visited. A card should be used for every individual. Those who are missed will be visited again until all the information requested on the card is secured. It pays to take time to acquaint the census takers with the instructions, which, along with the cards, can be secured from Dr. McCall.

II. HOW TO TABULATE THE INFORMATION

The tabulation committee, which receives the cards after they are returned, has a considerable task before it.

A. Assembling the Information

These definite steps should be followed carefully and in the order given:

1. The cards showing membership in local churches of other denominations, or preference for these, should be put in groups and given to the churches of their choice. Those of Baptist membership or preference, those of no church preference, and those of denominational membership not locally represented, should be placed in the group to be retained by the church.
2. Place all the cards which remain in strict alphabetical order, both within the alphabet as a whole and within every one of its letters. Much time is saved by doing this correctly in the beginning.
3. Check the cards against the resident church membership roll, filling out a census card for every resident member whose name is not found in the census.
4. Divide the cards according to the departmental age groups of the Sunday school.
5. Divide those of Junior age and above according to sex.
6. Further divide those within the departments into year and age groups according to the number of classes needed, arranging each year or age group alphabetically. Divide those in the Cradle Roll and Extension departments according to visitation groups, that later a visitor may be assigned to each group.
7. Check against the present Sunday school roll, using the records of the departmental and class secretaries, filling out a census card for every name on the Sunday school roll which is not in the census.
8. Go through the cards to see that the information needed is given in full.

B. Typing the Information in Attractive and Permanent Form

Putting the information into attractive and permanent form helps in making it more useful. The following suggestions have proven of value:

1. On a typewriter make eight neat copies of the whole census. Give one each to the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, the Sunday school secretary, the Training Union director, and to the W.M.U. president. Place one copy in the church files. Divide two copies among the eight departmental superintendents of the Sunday school so that every one will get two lists of the classes and prospects in his department, one for his own use and the other for use by the classes.
2. Use a good grade of onion-skin paper, eight and one-half by eleven in-

ches.

3. Place each department to itself, keeping at least the larger classes on pages to themselves with the name and age group of the class clearly shown.

4. Double space the typing that other names may be inserted later.

5. Place on one line the following information about each card: name, address, member of Sunday school (yes or no), church member (yes or no), where (abbreviate).

6. Use an introductory page for each department. At the top of this page place in an attractive arrangement the names of the officers and teachers of the department. On the lower portion of the page, tabulate in numbers the following eight items:

- a. The total number of possibilities
- b. The number enrolled in Sunday school
- c. The number of resident church members enrolled
- d. The number of resident church members not enrolled
- e. Members of out-of-town churches enrolled
- f. Members of out-of-town churches not enrolled
- g. Prospects of all kinds ("a" minus "b")
- h. The number of unsaved

Not all of these items will be needed below the Junior age, while some of the larger classes in the older age groups may wish to tabulate these items about their own classes.

7. On an introductory front page of the whole census place the names of the general officers of the Sunday school, and give a summary by adding the items found on the introductory pages of the eight departments, thus obtaining the whole picture of the census findings.

8. Perforate the typewritten pages with holes for note-book form, and then place these within attractive cardboard backs for permanent use. After arranging eight of these books the tabulation is complete.

III. HOW TO USE THE TABULATED INFORMATION

The worker now has in his hands one of the finest instruments God ever gave to man for the carrying out of certain aspects of the Kingdom task. It will prove useful not only in the Visitation Revival but also in the permanent program of the Sunday school, the Training Union, the W.M.U., and other aspects of the church life. Like the rod in the hand of Moses, the Lord can use the census findings to accomplish marvelous results for Himself.

Since we believe that the Visitation Revival can best be carried out through groups or organizations already existing within the church, such as the Sunday school, the Training Union, the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, and the deacons, we shall show first how these can utilize the tabulated information in a general way, and after that indicate how this information can be utilized in the Visitation Revival.

Furthermore, those won in the Visitation Revival should be conserved and utilized for Kingdom service in the organizations of the church if the revival itself is to bear the greatest fruit. An outstanding weakness of Baptists has been our failure to enlist in service a large per cent of those won to the Saviour. Let us then plan from the beginning to conserve the results of the Visitation Revival in the constructive and permanent program of Christ's church. Therefore, we study first how to use the tabulated information in

A. The Regular Program of the Church

1. The Sunday school should have been organized, with departments, classes, and teachers, adequate in number and quality to care for the prospects obtainable from the census. This is the great opportunity for utilizing many instead of a few in bringing a large number to Christ and in teaching the word of God to a multitude. The census has provided the names and addresses of the prospects and some other necessary information about them; this information can be used in a continuous and constructive program of reaching, teaching, winning, and enlisting. Definite responsibility is placed on each officer and teacher (see *Building a Standard Sunday School*).

2. Likewise, both the Training Union and W.M.U. have valuable information for the carrying on of their respective tasks in a better way.

3. A program of visitation is now possible, both for organizations (including their departments and classes or groups) and for individuals, as follows:

- a. A list of the church's resident members who are not enrolled in Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U. provides information for an endeavor to enlist every resident church member in these organizations.
- b. A list is made of Baptist church members living in the community with membership in distant congregations. These members are visited with the aim of securing their affiliation and service in the local church.
- c. A list of unsaved by departments and classes is made for use by the pastor, Sunday school officers, teachers, deacons, and others.

A street by street list of the unsaved also becomes a part of the record for use in visitation and personal witnessing.

These lists form the basis of a constructive, evergreen program of evangelism, and also can be used later on in the year for annual or semi-annual special revival efforts.

- d. The writer uses the census cards themselves in making two files for his own use: The cards for a family are grouped together by street addresses and the information on them placed on a small family visitation card, having the names of the individuals, and certain information about each one, such as age, church membership, enrollment in Sunday school, a place to record the date of visit, etc. These he uses in general pastoral visitation. Many church fields are too large to cover thoroughly without some such system as this. The census cards themselves are then arranged alphabetically in a master file which places at one's finger-tips information concerning every one in the community.

B. The Simultaneous Visitation Revival

The methods suggested above for the general program of the church can also be utilized for the Visitation Revival. The purpose of the revival is to enlist unaffiliated church members, to win the lost to Christ, and to utilize these in the service of His church. The most effective means of carrying out

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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

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DECEMBER STANDARDS

The following became standard during December: State Line School, Rev. W. L. Warren, pastor, R. H. Cherry, superintendent; Magee school, Rev. G. O. Parker, pastor, J. H. Mangum, superintendent; Spirit of Calvary, Intermediate class, Calvary Jackson, O. M. Jones, teacher.

We are grateful to these leaders for this good work and hope that many others will do likewise during this new Sunday school year.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

The Spirit of Calvary Intermediate class of the Calvary Baptist church, Jackson, Mr. O. M. Jones, teacher, has for some time made an unusually fine record. During the quarter that closed December 31 they went even beyond their former high mark. During the 13 Sundays of that quarter, with 15 pupils enrolled, they made 100% a total of 165 times. This is certainly setting a high mark and we offer sincerest congratulations to them.

TWO NEW SCHOOLS

Within recent weeks Sunday schools have been organized in the Flat Rock church in Benton county and the Irene Chapel Mission school in Hattiesburg.

A group of Blue Mountain College girls were instrumental in organizing the school at Flat Rock, and Mr. Ira Daniel is the superintendent. Mr. Sam J. Jones is the superintendent of the Irene Chapel school.

The attendance at Flat Rock the first Sunday was 37 and it has increased since to more than 60. We are grateful to all those who had a part in this noble work in making provision for regular Bible study in these places.

JANUARY 21 MEETING

January 21 is the day for simultaneous associational meetings over the South in the interest of our 1947 program. Each association will plan its own meeting. Literature will be mailed to each association for that meeting. It is important that we have them. Do not fail in your meeting.

WHAT IS THE INSIDE ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

William P. Phillips

The Inside Enlargement Campaign is a Sunday school effort to enlarge its provision for those who are members of the church but not members of the Sunday school. The principal difference in this and a general enlargement campaign is that the census is omitted and there is no faculty other than a director and only one book is offered. The director, pastor, general superintendent, and other Sunday school leaders concern themselves in an Inside Enlargement Campaign, only with the resident church members who are not enrolled in Sunday school.

While these are taken account of also in a general enlargement campaign, there is strength and greater value and emphasis when a Sunday school focuses its attention in a campaign exclusively on the unenrolled resident church members.

Moreover, as a rule, there are more of these not enrolled in Sunday school than could possibly be housed in available quarters were they to come. While a religious census certainly should be taken once a year to discover those who are lost, it is not needed to find church members who are not in Sun-

day school. The church roll provides this information and is readily available.

It is an interesting fact also that the Inside Enlargement Campaign deals largely with adults. It has been discovered that from ninety to ninety-five per cent of all resident church members not enrolled in Sunday school are adults. There will be found some few Young People and occasionally one or two Intermediates and Juniors. As a rule the most inadequate provision for any division or department in the Sunday school is that of the Adult.

Nearly one-half of all resident church members are not members of the Sunday school. Herein lies the church's frozen assets, which can be most effectively unfrozen through Bible study in the Sunday school. It is these unenlisted and undeveloped church members who have the money and richly endowed gifts of leadership needed to build a great Sunday school and church.

For the above reasons, in a large church that undertakes the Inside Enlargement Campaign, it probably would be wise that the director should use as a text in the one class which he will teach each evening during the campaign **The Adult Department of the Sunday School** by Phillips. In the small or medium size church he may use either **A Church Using Its Sunday School** or **Building a Standard Sunday School**.

During the week of the campaign, in addition to teaching a class in one of the above subjects, the director, along with the general superintendent, pastor, and other leaders of the Sunday school, after a careful digest of information secured from the church roll as to resident members not enrolled in Sunday school, will seek to enlarge provision for these in the Sunday school through the addition of classes where needed consistent with the present physical equipment. During this process age ranges, definition and assignment of constituency of all Adult classes should be effected; teachers and meeting places assigned.

As soon as information as to names and addresses of church members are available, the director will promote a persistent visitation campaign seeking attendance and enrollment of every church member next Sunday or on one of the following Sundays. This visitation effort should not cease until every church member is a member of the Sunday school.

Send for our free leaflet, "The Association-Wide Inside Enlargement Campaign."

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MORE ILLUSTRATIONS AND QUO-

TABLE POEMS by Dr. A. Bernard Webber is just what the title implies. Dr. Webber has prepared this carefully indexed book to make it more helpful to its users. The author is a graduate of Gordon College of Theology and Missions and studied at Boston University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He is now the associate pastor of Tremont Temple, the largest Baptist church in New England. Published by Zondervan Publishing House, the book sells for \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

GROUND BROKEN FOR PASTORIUM



In the accompanying picture Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gandy are shown breaking the ground for the new pastorium at the Sanford Baptist church. Mrs. Gandy is the only living charter member of the church, which was organized in 1894. Her father, J. D. Sanford donated the church property. Rev. J. L. Finley organized the church. The building can be seen in the background. Rev. H. L. Fewell is pastor now. On the occasion of the ground breaking, approximately 25 people gathered to launch the work. Mrs. Vergie Foxworth led the prayer.

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this purpose will be through the existing organizations of the church, the Sunday school, the Training Union, and the W.M.U. In addition to winning them to Christ, these organizations can also enlist them in service in the finest way. More can be won to Christ and the results better conserved by utilizing existing organizations than by setting up a new group which will cease to function when the Visitation Revival is over. However, every one possible should be enlisted in the Visitation Revival effort.

1. Specific individual assignment cards can be obtained free during the Visitation Revival from Dr. D. A. McCall at the Baptist Building in Jackson. These cards, having spaces for necessary information about prospects, and a place for reporting the results of the visit, are filled out by those in charge and given to the ones doing the visiting. Definite assignments are made and definite reports returned.

2. The tabulated information from the census will furnish enough prospects to utilize a large number of the church members in definite soul-winning and enlistment. These can go out as individuals, or two by two, from the Sunday school, the Training Union, the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, and the deacons. The Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U. are admirably organized to win to Christ and to enlist in service on a departmental basis. The pastor should usually direct those doing the visiting and their written reports should be brought to him. Any congregation which sends out many of its members on such a mission will receive in return a marvelous blessing in spiritual power and fellowship.

The visitation in the month of February will be for taking the census and for general enlistment. During the month of March the workers will continue to visit, placing emphasis on the enlistment of unaffiliated church members from other Baptist churches and inactive resident members. The month of April will be harvest time, when many workers from every church will make a special effort to win the lost people around them.

In conclusion, it appears that no pastor or church can carry out adequately this task of the Visitation Revival without the information gained through a census. A census is always of great value in a systematic, thorough, adequate, and constructive program in the continuous task of our Lord's church. One doubts that such a program can be carried on without it. If the more than 1500 Baptist churches in Mississippi will throw themselves wholeheartedly into this Visitation Revival and utilize in a mass way the information gained through a good church census, such multitudes will be saved and such a blessing come to our congregations as the Baptists of our state have never before known.

THE HEALING HAND OF GOD is a set of 16 pamphlets by Alfred Doerflinger designed to bring comfort and strengthen the faith of those who are

sick. Published by Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis 18, Missouri, the set of pamphlets sells for 25 cents per set.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

THE PLACE TO BEGIN

The Brotherhood promotes. Its purpose is to get hold of men and use them in the promotion of the work of the local church and of the denomination. Denominationally, the Brotherhood of the South is promoting in 1947 Soul-winning, Lord's Day Observance, The Cooperative Program, and Laymen's Revivals. The Southern Baptist Convention is stressing the enlistment of tithers, with a million new tithers as the goal for the year.

With so much to promote, every item worthy of our best, where should we begin?

Begin With Family Worship

Surely the Brotherhood could begin at no better point than the establishment and maintenance of family worship. A period of Bible reading and prayer in the home each day would perhaps do more for all the work of Christ than any other one thing. Let the Brotherhoods begin here.

Story from Chicago

Dr. Francis C. Stifler relates the following experience: "On a recent visit to Chicago I called up the pastor of a large Lutheran church because I had read in one of the news weeklies about the success attending his work. When I asked him to what he attributed it he said, 'Principally to one thing—I have persuaded 90 per cent of my people to have regular family prayers.' Now his families, and there are 2,900 of them, are not different from the average run of American urban families. They have moderate incomes; their members work at all sorts of tasks that keep them coming and going at various hours; they have many other interests; there are young married couples, families with grown young people still living at home, elderly couples with all their children all flown from the nest—yet 90 per cent of them—and that means over 2,600 families, involving about 7,000 people, have regular family devotions.

Tells in the Church Life

"As far as the church is concerned", Dr. Stifler continues, "the result is that, although they have a building which when it was built in 1925, was regarded as adequate to care for the growth of the church for many years to come, is now so inadequate that they have to hold three services every Sunday morning to accommodate the worshippers. The two problems that beset most churches, the financial problem and the problem of attendance, this Chicago church knows nothing about; and best of all, the church is constantly receiving new members upon the profession of their faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. Adult baptisms are not simply frequent, they are continuous.

How Was It Done?

"How did you get the people to establish the family altar?", I asked this pastor. Then he told me a tale of pastoral devotion that surpasses, I think, anything I ever heard. He said that he had personally taught most of the families, going to their homes early in the morning, and in many cases not once but several times, until their training was sufficient to trust them to continue alone. It has, he says, solved countless problems of a personal sort among the people of his families.

Could Do the Same for Others

"What the Bible in the homes of that church has done, it can do for your family and what it has done for the life of that church it could do for the life of our nation if all who believe in the Bible began to read it. In the face of the terrifying prospects that confront Bible born America at this hour, I believe there is no one thing that our great denominations could do that could be comparable to such a program of keeping the lower lights burning in millions of American homes."

Men, This is a Challenge!

Baptist men of Mississippi, if our Brotherhoods want to make the greatest single contribution possible to our churches, to the work of Southern Baptists and to the progress of God's kingdom all around the world, let us work with our noble pastors toward the goal of daily family worship in every home in our churches!

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY FEBRUARY 3

One of the four major objectives of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South for 1947 is the Cooperative Program. State Secretary McCall is calling on all leaders local and denominational to attend and support a great rally to be held in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on February 3. The program begins at 9:15 a.m. and continues through 4:30 p.m. We trust that every Brotherhood president, or one representative of every Brotherhood, may be present for this meeting. Miss Kathleen Mallory, Dr. George W. Sadler, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, and many other outstanding leaders will speak.

DISTRICT OFFICERS MEET

The officers of each District Brotherhood will meet some time during the month of January to plan the work in their territory for the year 1947.

MESA MOVES

Mesa, Walthall, Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor, Hughey Breeland, president, reports fine progress during the year 1946. They organized last June with 12 members. They now have 23 enrolled. They have done many services for the church and community as representatives of the church. "We more than recommend that every church organize a Brotherhood as soon as possible," writes president Breeland. A recent supper social with wives as guests proved a great inspiration.

MACEDONIA PROGRESSES

Macedonia, Lincoln, Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor, Vercie Allen, president, reports a very fine program and social meeting on December 26. With about 30 men present, a fine program was given. At the same time the W.M.S. met in another part of the Church. Then the Brotherhood and W.M.S. joined for a supper in the dining room of the Church. The Brotherhood gave the pastor a handsome cash Christmas present. Brother Talbert believed in the Brotherhood all along. Now he is convinced!

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ANCIENT RECORDS AND THE BIBLE by Dr. J. McKee Adams is probably his greatest book. Dr. Adams, late professor of Biblical Introduction at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, had completed the manuscript for the book just prior

"MEATS FOR THE BELLY— THE BELLY FOR MEATS"

By Dr. P. I. Lipsey

This coarse expression is quoted by Paul in I Corinthians 6:13. We say that it is quoted for that is the only way in which it can be understood. This is true for two reasons, it cannot be understood as the language of Paul himself, because while he used great plainness of speech, he was not in the habit of using coarseness in speech. The other reason for saying that Paul quoted it is that he himself did not believe in nor subscribe to such teaching. He quoted it in order to refute it, to deny that it had any such applications as some of those Corinthians were giving it.

Probably most people who read this verse in First Corinthians pass it over without understanding it or making any special effort to do so.

But notice the connection in which it occurs, for it cannot be understood without this. He is writing them about the sin of fornication or adultery. This alas was common among the heathen, and many of these people to whom Paul was writing were newly converted from heathenism. Old habits and ideas were hard to eradicate from their minds. And the old arguments they had used to justify their sinful practices would still be used.

One of these arguments was expressed in the words above: "Meats for the belly and the belly for meats". Of course it was a poor argument and expressed in very blunt words. It simply meant that meat was made to satisfy appetite, and you could go ahead and eat it without doing wrong. And in the same way or by the same argument sensual desires and sex gratification were natural, and would be indulged without restraint. In other words what ever is natural is right. That is the sort of low philosophy that some people have accepted.

Anybody can see to what beastliness this leads. For you could say that somebody has something which you desire; you have a perfect right to take it, even if it requires force and killing to obtain it.

So Paul quotes this argument that was being used at Corinth. But he says it is not true. On the contrary he says the body is not for fornication. God never so intended. But "the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body". God meant for these bodies of ours to be dwelling places for the Spirit of God. This cannot be done if the sin of fornication is permitted. These bodies are the perfection of God's art. They are meant to be temples of the Holy Spirit. They can be and ought to be the instruments through which we glorify God. "Glorify therefore God in your body."

to his death in September 1945. The responsibility of putting the book into final shape for print fell upon his two fellows in Biblical Introduction, William H. Morton and March H. Lovelace. The book is a survey of Archaeological evidences in their bearing on the integrity of the historical narrative of the Bible. This book will make weak Christians strong and strong Christians stronger. At the time of his death, Dr. Adams was considered one of the greatest scholars in the field of Biblical Archaeology. Bible students need this book and all others would profit by having it. Published by the Broadman Press the price is \$3.75. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

C. R. HAIRE DIRECTS "THE MESSIAH"

Many good reports are coming in about our Christmas Music. Director C. R. Haire of Pascagoula, in addition to his own Christmas cantata "The Infant Holy" by Stairs, directed "The Messiah" on Thursday, December 19 in the First Baptist Church auditorium.

W. C. MORGAN DIRECTS "THE COMING OF THE KING" BY BUCK

Your Secretary had the pleasure of worshipping with the First Baptist Church in Vicksburg, and Director Morgan and his singers did excellent work in presenting this cantata. It is a difficult number to do with a local volunteer choir but they did it well.

PASTOR SANSING DIRECTS "THE GIFT SUPREME" BY LILLENAS

This is a reading-singing cantata and could be used by a large number of our churches with medium size choirs. Rev. Sansing is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi.

DIRECTOR JAMES MOSLEY LEADS IN A MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAM

James Mosley led in a miscellaneous program of Christmas carols at the Clark-Venable Church, Decatur, Mississippi, using all choirs and the newly-organized Woman's Missionary Union Octet.

DIRECTOR SID DOTY REPEATS

Director Sid Doty of Mendenhall comes out again with a good Christmas Music Program. This choir presents cantatas on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Let us know what you did in your church for we are keeping a file of the best programs.

SOUTHWIDE MUSIC CONFERENCE

Your Secretary of Music is at Nashville, Tennessee this week attending a meeting of Secretaries from other states. Much work has already been done in making plans for our Southwide Program. Very few people realize the amount of time and effort put into these programs and especially when a Department is new.

STATE MUSIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The first State Music Leadership Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, June 30-July 4, 1947. Plan now to send your Musicians. We will have a faculty of outstanding Musicians to teach and lead the discussion periods.

SUMMER SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Now is the time to make your plans for School of Music using one of our Summer Field Workers. We plan to have five men and five women working during June, July, and August.

Write today for your preference as to date. Do not put off until a later date as we are making up our schedule now.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Rev. J. Earl Bryant, Pastor Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, has just closed a one week revival with Pearlhaven Baptist church, Brookhaven, Mississippi. There were ten additions to the church. (Mr. Bryant was formerly pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, Editor.)

Church organists will be interested in the ORGAN PORTFOLIO which contains 12 voluntaries for the church organ. The price is 50 cents and orders should be sent to the publisher, Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio.

A church loyalty campaign will be promoted in the Shelby, N. C. church beginning the middle of February and running to the first of April, during which 100 per cent attendance on the part of the congregation will be sought. A large committee has been set up to carry out details.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (RNS) — A trailer camp for students will be erected by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here to help solve the housing shortage during the school's present record enrollment. In granting the seminary permission to erect the project adjacent to its campus, the Louisville Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals said the camp could not be used after June 1, 1948.

Rev. E. D. Estes, former district missionary in Mississippi and now a state missionary in Arkansas, has sent the Baptist Record a copy of his recent report made to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention or the year ending November 1, 1946. He preached and conducted other services totaling 582; attended various conventions; led a VBS; organized one Training Union; conducted 12 revivals; secured 278 subscriptions; travelled 10,447 miles and collected and sent to the state office for various objects a total of \$1,209. There were 52 additions to the churches. Space does not permit mentioning the many other activities shown on the report.

Charles Everett, Tishomingo county Missionary, lets no grass grow under his feet. Although comparatively new on the field he has already sent a nice list of Baptist Record subscriptions from Shady Grove Church, Tishomingo County.

A trial is all we ask. A year ago Dr. Bryan Simmons secured an EVERY FAMILY list from Sarah church, Sarah, Mississippi. Recently the church through Mrs. Vanie S. Cox, church treasurer, sent renewals for the entire list and did some adding. These and many other friends explain the remarkable circulation growth of the Baptist Record.

Rev. W. N. Gardner, who has been living with his mother, Mrs. Henry Markel in Jackson, recently, has been called as pastor of First Church, Hollywood, Florida. His wife and young son will join him soon on the new church field.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. W. W. Hamilton, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has accepted the position of Hospital Pastor in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.—Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.

Clarke College students believe in the Baptist Record. Providence church, Leake county sent a list of 13 new subscriptions. The pastor is Rev. Ford Parker of Clarke College, Newton.

Rev. Cecil H. Franks, pastor of Columbia Church, Falls Church, Virginia, across the river from Washington, D. C., was recently presented with a 1946 Chrysler Windsor automobile by a member of the Columbia Church. Pastor Franks came to Falls Church three years ago from a pastorate in Springfield, Missouri.

Secretary William A. Harrell of the Department of Church Architecture at the Sunday School Board, S.B.C., Nashville, Tenn., writes that they have just printed a booklet offering help to country churches in their building programs. The booklet was written by Dr. John D. Freeman of the Home Mission Board. The plans are furnished by the department headed by Mr. Harrell. Copies may be obtained by writing to Dr. Freeman at 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia. Prints of the floor plans and information regarding the buildings may be secured from the Department of Church Architecture.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Dr. Lucy Hutchins, Professor of Greek and Latin at Blue Mountain College and former State Historian of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Mississippi, won second place for having done the best work in the United States as a Confederacy Historian.

Prentiss County is to obtain a movie projector for its associational missionary to use in visual education. In the meantime Rev. John B. Laney is using a friend's projector, showing religious and alcohol education films. He showed the film "It's the Brain That Counts" in December.

Dr. W. W. Enete and "Sammy" recently visited Prentiss County, appearing in ten of the schools and six churches in three days. There were many decisions for Christ and to life service. The people were amazed and thrilled at the unique method Dr. Enete has of presenting the plan of salvation. Missionary Laney, who planned the services is making arrangements for the missionary pair to return in early February.

Luther A. Harrison State Music Secretary, held a School of Music with Prentiss County Association the second week in December. The school was well attended in view of the bad weather. The meetings were held in First Church, Booneville with Rev. L. G. Sansing, host pastor. Mr. Harrison's work was appreciated and several churches have expressed a desire for a school of music of their own. Better church music is on its way in Mississippi if Brother Harrison hangs around very long. (And we hope he will). He has great plans for our State.—John B. Laney, County Missionary.

SILAM SPRING, Ark., Dr. William Potter, pastor of the Carthage Baptist Church, is snowbound in his home town and unable to "get through" icy, mountainous highways to return from Christmas holidays spent in Arkansas. He started towards Carthage on December 31 but was turned back at the Boston Mountains and latest reports as of January 4 indicate more days of waiting for safe highway travel. During his enforced sojourn Dr. Potter has preached in the First Baptist Church, Silam Springs and at John Brown University, where the Carthage pastor was Director of Publicity from 1938 to 1941, he addressed the university's chapel services and spoke frequently over radio station KUOA the university's 5000 watt Mutual station. Dr. Potter and family hope to be home for Sunday services, January 12.

Prentiss County Monthly Workers' Conference met Sunday December 29 at 2:30 p.m. with the Wheeler Church, Rev. G. B. Basden, host pastor. Members from seven of the 14 churches were there. Good interest in the work was manifest on every hand. The time was given to the Associational Training Union, John Martin Morrow, Director, for its quarterly meeting. The next meeting will be on January 28 and will emphasize Sunday school work.

Rev. J. E. Darter, Seminary classmate of Editor Goodrich, former pastor of the Kentucky Orphanage Church and recently released from the Army Chaplaincy is available for the pastorate. His address is James Apartments, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Some pastorless church would be fortunate to have him.

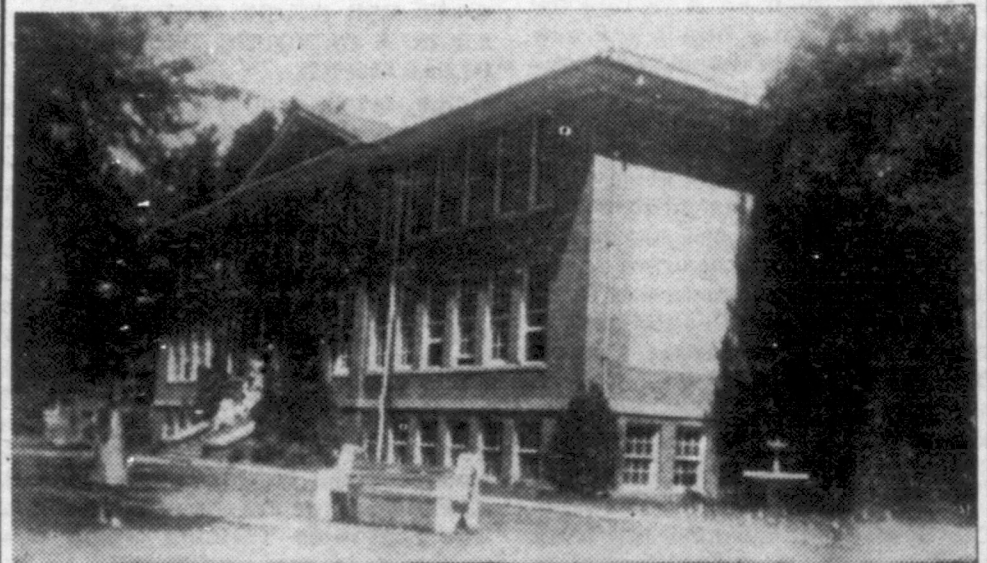
The bulletin of First Church, Danville, Kentucky, of which Rev. Wayne E. Todd (Mississippian and Miss. College graduate) is pastor, reports 146 new members during the associational year, 96 of whom came on profession of faith. Total receipts amounted to \$26,000, which is an increase of \$18,000 in the budget in a period of three years. Among the improvements in the physical plant of the church have been the laying of black tile floors in a number of rooms and hallways, fluorescent lights through the basement and several first floor rooms, redecoration of all departments, a new roof, purchase of two projectors for use in educational and recreational program and the establishment of a church library with an initial order of \$110 worth of books.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. Liston Draughn, Pascagoula; Raymond Draughn, Richton; Rev. Bob Lowe, Jackson; Miss Betty Jean Dicken, Jackson; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Clinton; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Meridian; Rev. L. Frank Campbell, Webb; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McCall, and Ned McCall, Oxford; Mary Frances McCall, Bristol, Virginia; Rev. G. M. Crawford, Clinton; Rev. J. M. Clayton, Clinton; Rev. L. T. Van Horn, Shubuta; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Vicksburg; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Jackson; Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson; Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton; Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, Jackson; Dr. B. B. Hilbun, Hattiesburg; Rev. H. P. Porter, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Chandler and son, Clinton; Rev. L. G. Meadows, Mobile, Alabama; Rev. B. A. Lambert, Plateau, Alabama, W. M. Lane and family, Ripley; Eddie Watson, Jackson; Dr. John W. Landrum, Canton.

John W. Cook, Associational Missionary for Jones County, announces that 26 churches have already definitely indicated that they will participate in the simultaneous Sunday School Enlargement Campaign scheduled for February 2-7. State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams is working with the Association in the matter and will furnish an outside worker for every church participating. The goal is for 100% participation by the churches of the Association.

THE ORGANIST, published by Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio contains 13 compositions for the church organ. It also has suggested registrations for Hammond Electric Organs and for two-manual organs. The price is 50 cents and orders should be sent to the publishers.

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REV. GARLAND MCINNIS, LEBANON ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR

One of the busiest men in Mississippi is Rev. Garland McInnis, Associational Director of the Lebanon Association. In addition to holding this position as director in one of our largest association, covering three counties, he is pastor of River Ave. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, a full time church. He is also an active leader in the Boy's Scout work, and at the same time works every day for about eight hours at the Hercules Powder Co. (Maybe this is where he gets some of his "power"). Their associational mass meetings are perhaps the largest in the state, with directors and pastors from twelve to twenty of each group in attendance each quarter. In addition to other activities, Bro. McInnis worked up a bus load from the association to attend the Ridgecrest Assembly last summer. A feature for the association that begins the new year is a Leadership School to be conducted the week of January 19-24. This will be at Main Street Baptist Church. Classes will be taught each evening Monday through Friday and all LEADERS including pastors from all the churches in the association are not only invited, but urged to attend. The Story Hour Leadership Manual, the Junior and Intermediate Leadership Manuals, Young People's Administration and Building a Church Training Program will be taught by state workers.

NEXT WEEK IN PIKE

Our Training Union force will be in Pike Co., next week helping in a Training Union Leadership School. This school is to be held with the Central Baptist Church, and the state workers will teach The Story Hour, Junior, and Intermediate Leadership Manuals, Young People's Administration, and Building a Church Training Program. This is an associational wide school in that all leaders, including

pastors, are invited and urged to attend. Night classes only will be taught. Associational Director Brewer with his corps of officers—Clyde Coker, Miss Alexine Gibson, Rev. S. M. White, Mrs. Ray Godbold, Rev. Fred Bookter, Rev. Zeno Wells, Mrs. T. B. Stokes, Mrs. S. M. White, Mrs. D. C. Williams, Miss Ruby Del Wilson, Mrs. J. L. Pigott, and Miss Sadie Godbold are giving publicity to the meeting and lining up the leaders for a loyal cooperation in this important event. It will be the first of the year and we are expecting it to set the pace for the other seventeen such schools that have been planned for the year.

MARION GETS READY FOR A SIMULTANEOUS STUDY COURSE FOR JANUARY 26-31

At the regular associational meeting in the fall the churches of Marion Co., voted to cooperate in a simultaneous Training Union study course the week of January 26-31. There were fifteen of the churches that thus expressed their desire and so as the time draws near these church leaders are making last minute plans for the success of this great program. Nearly all of the churches are to have an outside worker. We are grateful to the large number of pastors and others who give us a week now and then for such programs. We look forward to this week in Marion with great interest. We are hoping to have a great mass meeting in Columbia the afternoon of the 26th, then on Monday night the 27th the class work will begin. Mr. T. E. Davis of Goss, the Associational Director, is pushing the program and will have the following of the pastors and churches.

GOAL FOR STUDY COURSE AWARDS IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Our total goal for study course awards for 1947 in Mississippi is 17,500. This is an increase of nearly 1,500 over 1946. We issued more than 1,000 more this year than we did in 1945, and with the growing interest in Training Union we should have no trouble in reaching our goal this year. THE GOAL FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT has been set at 4,000. If we reach this it means that all Young People's Unions are going to "go into a huddle" and get ready for the battle. They can do it all right and we are counting on them. The Southwide Training Union Department is cooperating with us in this as they do in all of our work, and we appreciate this added help. Let's make it a reality!

OUR STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

Climaxing our "best year" in Training Union Work was the "Best Convention yet" held at First Baptist

Church, Jackson, December 27, 1946, when over 500 people gathered for a splendid program, which introduced and challenged us with our theme for the new year, "The Book of Books." Our largest delegation was from Lauderdale Association. We had 14 Story Hour boys and girls to give Bible Stories, and 23 Juniors in the Junior Memory Work Drill. No State first place winners are recognized in our Bible Story Telling and Memory work Drill, as these are demonstrations given by first place winners from the District Contests. The winner in our Intermediate Sword Drill Contest who will represent Mississippi at Ridgecrest in July in the Southwide Sword Drill was Miss Sybil McKay, First Baptist Church Jackson. Two of the young people in the Better Speakers' Tournament won scholarships: Miss Lurline Sauls, East McComb Baptist Church, McComb to Blue Mountain College, and Mr. Charles Tyler, First Baptist Church, Picayune to Mississippi College. Miss Sauls won first place and will represent Mississippi at Ridgecrest in the Southwide Better Speakers' Tournament. The officers for our 1947 Convention are: President—Mr. Owen Cooper, Jackson, Vice-President—Rev. Gordon Sansing, Booneville, and Secretary—Miss Margaret Ray, Hattiesburg.

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Rev. L. Frank Campbell has resigned at Sumner in order to accept full-time work at Webb. Pastor Campbell has been serving Sumner and Webb. Both churches have now gone to full-time.

William Glenn Watson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Watson of Sebree, Kentucky, was born December 27 at the Community Hospital in Tupelo, Mississippi. This is the first child of Pastor and Mrs. Watson.

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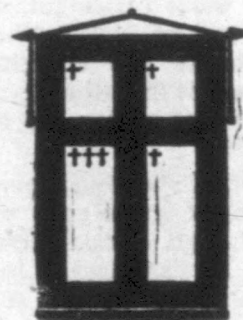
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CHESTER AT JONES

Mississippi's and Jackson's Chester Swor is at Jones Junior this week for their Religious Emphasis Week program. Let us not forget to pray for him, Mary Tom, Pastor Nichols, the students, the faculty, and the townspeople. Chester will speak twice daily, at 8:25 a.m., and at 6:45 p.m.

STUDENT SERVICES SUCCESS

Brother Ratcliff, of Petal-Harvey Church, Hattiesburg; Brother S. C. Ray, of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Student Secretary Mrs. Edgar Glover, of Pearl River Junior College, and several others have written and told me of the very effective Student Night at Christmas programs given in their church last month. This one service, or one similar to it (which, by the way could be given any time in the year), will do much toward informing Mississippi's uninformed Baptists on the pertinent subject of BSU. Did you know that there are thousands of Mississippi Baptists who don't know what BSU is or what it is trying to do? Well, there are, and if we believe in it, it is our job to inform these people. We would have more student secretaries in Mississippi right now if a lot more people were informed on BSU. Let's inform them and then get them to conform to our program.

VOCATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK IMPORTANT

There are very few other events on the BSU Calendar of Events which need the stressing that Vocational Emphasis Week needs, for to students, the choosing and pursuing of a vocation is of paramount importance. Men, especially, hardly can begin to enjoy life until they settle the matter of a life work. It is, we all agree, imperative that Christians pick vocations consistent with their Christian profession. It is certainly wise that those who are not Christian, become so and spend their lives in pleasing God and blessing their fellowmen in their chosen field. We cannot overemphasize Vocational Emphasis Week. For the blessings which inevitably are derived therefrom, I hope your college has one.

MC PREPS FOR FOCUS WEEK

Gloria Smith, Mississippi College Reporter, has sent in a report of MC's preparations for their Focus Week, to be held on the campus February

16-21. Dr. Frank Leavell, who is to be in charge of the program, outlined the nature of the Week to the student body last November. Sam Cochran, Waynesboro, and Mary Elizabeth Gilbert, Meridian, will supervise student participation in the Week, and the members of the visiting team will include Dr. Bill Marshall, of the Foreign Mission Board; W. F. Howard, Texas BSU Secretary; Dr. Courts Redford, of the Home Mission Board; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Executive Secretary of Committee on Public Relations of Baptists in U.S., Washington, and Mr. Joe Boyd, Southwestern Seminary student, Fort Worth. Sometime ago, President Nelson invited Dr. Leavell to bring this team of Christian leaders to the campus this year with the purpose of deepening the spiritual life of everyone connected with the college, according to Miss Smith.

MISCELLANEA

The Training Union had a good convention. Didn't get to attend it all, but I did hear Brother Jimmy Parrish of First Church, Laurel, say, "Jesus removed God from the speculative," and "Service to our fellowmen is better than services (meaning in our churches)", both of which were worth going for. Saw and heard many more helpful things, but I had better stop before I leave out somebody. . . Broadman Comments, by Dr. W. R. White, and distributed by the Baptist Book Stores, should be an exceedingly helpful volume to Sunday School teachers this year. This book, deals with each lesson as follows: Scripture or scriptures; Devotional Reading; Intermediate Topic; Young People-Adult Topic; Memory Selection; Lesson Passage; Digest of Scripture; Special Notes; Lesson Interpretation; and Practical Application. . . Jane Ray Bean, of Blue Mountain, in writing of their Focus Week last month, says, "God has done great things; he has moved a mountain." Jean Yates, General Chairman for the Week, showed her executive ability and deserves the warmth and depth of her fellow students' gratitude, according to Jane Ray. Other committee chairmen who likewise did their jobs unselfishly and well, were: Dr. E. H. Cox, Kathleen Bush, Barbara Loden, Jane Ray Bean, Joyce Hall, Jean McCarty, Tommye Nelson, Blanche Ellen Darr, Corrinne Griffin, Beverly Hodges, Mary Ruth Johnson, Jean Stinson, Sue McGinty, Rev. Clifford Smyly, and Dr. L. T. Lowrey. . . Enjoyed once again bringing a little devotional to the prayer group at Draughtons Business College, Jackson, the other day. Pray for them. . .

Despite the fact that First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas has been pastorless for three months 80 members have been received, 27 coming for baptism. The pulpit has been ably filled by the following denominational leaders: Dr. E. D. Head; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell; Dr. J. W. "Bill" Marshall; Dr. John Caylor; Dr. Alfred Carpenter; Dr. M. F. Swilley, Jr.; and Dr. A. B. White. In 1947 the amount to be given to missions and outside causes has been increased to 39% of the total budget.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 5, 1947

	S.S. B.T.U.
Harmony, Tippah County --	56
Cross Roads, Webster County --	31
Mt Pisgah, Rankin County --	63
Brookhaven --	390 112
Wellman, Lincoln County --	75 43
Providence, Tippah County	36
Byram, Hinds County --	50 42
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	50
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis County	88 55
Newton --	256 142
West Point --	325 121
New Hope, Yalobusha County --	29 23
Providence, Forrest County	101 69
Hattiesburg, Bonie Street --	88 69
East McComb --	251 161
Pascagoula, First --	383 124
Centerville --	87 31
Laurel, Beacon --	191 81
Crystal Springs --	283 84
Brooklyn --	50 50
Daniel, Hinds County --	159 79
Van Winkle, Hinds County	168 125
Jackson, Northside --	237 100
Jackson, First --	908 340
Jackson, Southside --	101 73
West Laurel --	325 94
Hattiesburg, First --	200
New Albany, First --	494 210
Laurel, First --	454 105
O'Tuckolofa, Yalobusha County --	46

December 29, 1946

Cross Roads, Webster County --	47
Chalybeate --	42 33
Lucedale --	213 86

Leakesville Baptists Have Great Year In 1946

The Baptists of Leakesville enjoyed their greatest year in 1946. Attendance of both Sunday School and the Training Union has more than doubled in three years. Last year, on the basis of expenditures, they gave on an average of \$125.00 per family, or \$33.00 per capita. Preaching attendance has reached the highest level in the history of the church.

The new year's budget, just adopted, calls for a substantial raise in the pastor's salary, the Co-operative program gifts were doubled and the Pastor's Retirement Plan is to be participated in. Sufficient money will be available to provide adequate equipment for Recreational grounds.

Visual education has been introduced during the past year, which met with hearty response and approval. The Co-operative Program is to be emphasized as the main channel through which our mission gifts are to be funnelled, and at least 75 tithers are to be enlisted. Of course, we have the EVERY FAMILY Plan in operation. We couldn't afford to be without that.

THE UNISON CHOIR NO. 5 is a collection of unison anthems and songs for children's, women's or adult choirs with alto or antiphonal part ad lib. This collection is intended primarily for unison singing by a group of adults or children. There are 26 selections and the price is 70 cents per copy. Orders should be sent to the publisher, Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio.

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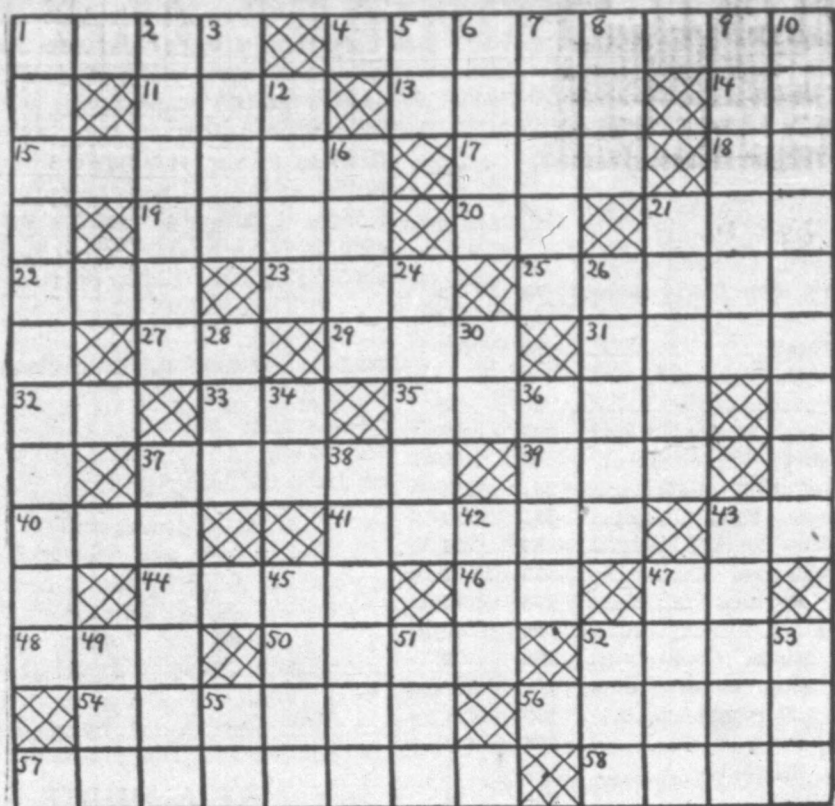
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ACROSS

- 1 Nutritious seeds
 - 4 A coarse grass; can act so (anag.)
 - 11 "... us walk by the same rule"
 - 13 "but ... one thing I do"
 - 14 Half of nine
 - 15 Edom; I am due (anag.)
 - 17 Fruit like the grape
 - 18 Before Christ (L.)
 - 19 "being of one accord, of one ..."
 - 20 "that ye ... like minded"
 - 21 Past
 - 22 "brought him to an ..."
 - 23 "the ... sitting upon the young"
 - 25 "hath been ... of mankind"
 - 27 "begun a good work ... you"
 - 29 "rejoice with ... all"
 - 31 Master
 - 32 River in Europe
 - 33 "For I ... in a strait"
 - 35 "enemies of the ... of Christ"
 - 37 "God ... worketh in you"
 - 39 "... made in the likeness of men"
 - 40 "not as one that beateth the ..."
 - 41 Mohammedan sacred place
 - 43 "... ye have always obeyed"
 - 44 "and some ... of good will"
 - 46 "shine as lights ... the world"
 - 47 Means of transportation
 - 48 Drunkard
 - 50 Driven obliquely
 - 52 Venetian magistrate
 - 54 "becometh the gospel of ..."
 - 56 "that at the name of ..."
 - 57 "Until the ... and the shadows flee away"
 - 58 Headland
- Our Text from Philippians is 11, 13, 19, 20, 27, 29, 37, 39, 44, 46, 54 and 56 combined

DOWN

- 1 New Testament book in which this Text appears
- 2 College graduates
- 3 Half, a prefix
- 5 "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are ... Philipp"
- 6 Fish
- 7 Animal
- 8 In his old age this king of Judah suffered from gout
- 9 Wild ass
- 10 The ruler of the Jews who finally became a disciple of Christ
- 12 "The thoughts of the diligent ... only to plenteousness"
- 16 Daily, an old form
- 21 "we have done ... and have dealt wickedly"
- 24 Kind of coffee
- 26 Province of British India
- 28 Old Testament book
- 30 Abraham's old home
- 34 Note
- 36 Masculine name
- 37 Very angry
- 38 "yet what I shall ... I wot not"
- 42 "and I will ... you out of their bondage"
- 43 Watchful guardian
- 45 "that thou ... up the gift of God, which is in thee"
- 47 "and blossom as the ..."
- 49 Wood sorrel
- 51 Greek letter
- 52 "but ye have made it a ... of thieves"
- 53 Letter
- 55 Rubidium

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CURTIS H. MOORE

Recently the Arcola Baptist Church sustained a distinct loss in the passing of Professor Curtis H. Moore, who for many years served faithfully as one of the Deacons of the Church. He was active in every phase of the Church life and for about twenty years taught the Men's Bible Class. His influence will live on for good in the Church and community.

Professor Moore was Superintendent of the Arcola High School for over twenty years and under his leadership the school grew in many respects. During this time an excellent building was erected, which stands as a monument to his good work. But the most notable achievement of these years was the building of character into the lives of those who studied under him. He had natural endowment as a teacher.

We deeply sympathize with Mrs. Moore and the daughters, Mrs. John Wilson

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—Mississippi Anti-Saloon League

Mt. Vernon Presents Pageant

At the evening service on December 22, the Mt. Vernon Church, Newton Association, Rev. J. D. Aycock pastor, presented a splendid Christmas pageant to a capacity audience. The pageant was written and directed by Mrs. Clarence Gibson and it inspired a missionary zeal in all who were present. The opening scenes showed the Nativity being presented by different races of people which testified effectively that Jesus is the universal Messiah. The pageant closed with the Bethlehem Nativity scene that was made wonderfully realistic.

After the pageant the pastor was presented with a Christmas tree that was loaded with love gifts.

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 13—Dr. D. M. Nelson, President, Mississippi College; Rev. Joe Abrams, Associate, State Training Union Department.

January 14—J. W. Vassar, Alcorn County Convention Board Member; Mrs. Ennabel Alexander, office secretary, office of Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist Headquarters.

January 15—W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage; Miss Pat Bailey, office secretary, Music Department.

January 16—Rev. W. B. May, Benton County Convention Board Member; Mrs. Harold Butler, office secretary, State W. M. U. Department.

January 17—Dr. L. T. Lowrey, President, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Sallie Campbell, office secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

January 18—A. G. Graham, Itawamba County Convention Board Member; Miss Margaret Cloud, clerk, mailing department of Baptist Record.

January 19—Mrs. K. Gilfoy, Superintendent, Baptist Hospital; Miss Clarice Conner, field worker, Training Union Department.

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MRS. LOUELLA VANLANDINGHAM

By L. E. Barton

The departure on December 10 of the spirit of Mrs. Louella Vanlandingham of West Point, Mississippi, to be with Christ, was, I believe, of significance to two worlds. There are few such radiant loyal and lovely personalities given to bless the earth.

I became her pastor 38 years ago when she was in the vivacity and charm of glorious young motherhood. In a ministry of 51 years, I have had three, all women, of the most efficient, cooperative, and delightful choir directors any pastor ever had, and she was one of the incomparable trio. With many duties of a large home and growing children, she always found time for the church, was always present on the minute to conduct the music. She was a lovely singer

and Mrs. Norton Miller. May they find comfort in His Word is our earnest desire.—Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Pastor, Arcola Baptist Church.

with a voice of fine quality, passion and power, and yet so modest that we had to press the solo work upon her. Unlike some choir directors, she was one of the most appreciative listeners to the gospel message one ever had. An alert mind, sympathetic understanding, loyalty to God and her friends, and personal charm made her one of the most engaging persons to be found among the saints.

She and her husband, Will Vanlandingham, were two of my greatest helpers, as they have been of all the pastors of that great church for 45 or 50 years. Those who knew her had an illustration of what a radiant victorious life can mean for Christ and his cause. May the consolation of the Spirit help the husband and guide the children in their bereavement.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for January Twelfth

THE BEGINNING OF SIGNS. John 2:1-11.

I. A Wedding. "There was a marriage in Cana, Galilee". The mother of Jesus was present. She may have been a relative of the family, certainly a close acquaintance. This would lend color to the belief that Cana was only a short distance from Nazareth. The marriage included the marriage feast, celebrated at the home of the bridegroom. (I have just looked for the word, "infair" in the dictionary, and found to my surprise that it is not in the International! Why, it's a perfectly good Lincoln county word, and means the feast given at the bridegroom's home on the day following the marriage in the church, or the bride's home.)

II. Extra Wedding Guests. "Jesus was called (invited), and His disciples". It was perfectly natural that He should be invited, but it is likely that He was invited at a late hour, since He had been away from home, and had arrived from His labors abroad only that day. He brought with Him His disciples, howsoever few or many there were. There were enough of them to make a decided difference in the amount of refreshment needed for the whole company. Let us note: 1. Jesus sanctifies true earthly joy. 2. Jesus consecrates marriage. 3. Jesus approves social life and friendship. 4. Jesus lays special emphasis on the value of the home.

III. Extra Need As a Consequence of Extra Guests. "They wanted wine". The supply had failed. Six or seven travel-tired, thirsty men would just drink a lot of "coke", and pretty soon they were raking the bottom of the punch bowl. What to do? Poor bridegroom might have been very greatly perplexed. Jesus' mother thought He might help, so she told Him they had no wine. Did she expect Him to supply the need? Anyhow, she was a guest in a family that faced a serious difficulty, and it was but natural that she should tell Him, even if she had no thought of His relieving the embarrassment of the host. She may have felt a vague responsibility for the situation, since it was her Son and His friends who had brought about the lack. Mary had learned during the 30 years of her Son's life in Nazareth that He was a resourceful man, able to bring rescue from many serious predicaments. Mary may even have believed that Jesus was the Messiah, able to supply the need, though afterwards she did have her doubts.

But there is the matter of the attractiveness of Jesus, His power to draw men to Him. His piety was not repulsive, but attractive. Children loved to be with Him, He got invited to weddings, and people in trouble came to Him with their needs. Who said, "Jesus never smiled"? Somebody did, but I'd love to know how he knew! The word "smile" is not in the Bible, hence, if the absence of the word from the record of the life of Jesus proves that He never smiled, it proves with equal conclusiveness that no one mentioned in the Bible ever smiled. For my single self, I do not for one moment doubt that

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An artist, painting in the country, had a farmer spectator.

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our Lord smiled not only, but laughed heartily, on numerous occasions. Smiled at Simon's impetuosity, Thomas' doubts, Philip's gloom, sometimes sadly, it may be, at the dexterity with which poor Judas transferred shekles from the treasure bag into his own capacious girdle. Our Lord loved the traitor and all men else, and many men loved Him, and all were attracted by Him.

IV. Jesus Supplies a Need. Did His mother attempt to direct Him? Perhaps. At any rate, He indicated to her his independence of her direction. His word of address to her was about equivalent to our word, Lady. Personally, I know no higher title than woman, anyway. "Mine hour is not yet". Perhaps He did not at that moment know what He was about to do, and it may be that what Mary said to the servants was said in His hearing, not only, but was the very word by which His Father let Him know the Father's will. Mary said to the servants, "Whatever he saith unto you, do". Those words make me want to stop and preach. Start in with Him, and every time He saith to you do this or that, go do it. If people everywhere did this, how many "modes" or forms of baptism do you suppose there would be in the world?

There were the water pots to hold the water the Jews used in their numerous forms and frequent observance of cleansings by means of water. "Fill those pots with water, so the guests will have plenty in which to wash hands and feet". Done "Very well, now draw out of the well and bear what you draw out of the well to the ruler of the feast". "Why not take it out of the pots?" "What one of you would drink water, or even wine, from a foot-tub?" Oh, I'm not drawing on my imagination at all! The word "draw out" used here by John means specifically "to draw out of a well".

And the wine was very good. What sort of wine was to the people of those days and that country, "good wine"? Was it the sort that has a kick like Homer Casteel's Leake county mule? Maybe not at all, but light wine with a delicious flavor.

V. The Sign. John says this was the first sign, the beginning of signs, a sign that the master of mountain and meadow, storm and calm, disease and death, life and love, heaven and hell, had come now unto His own, and was offering now to as many as would receive Him the inestimable gift of authority to become the children of God.

February Calendar Of Activities

Below is given the Mississippi Baptist Calendar of Activities for the month of February. Of course, all informed Baptists know that these items are only suggestions. If they are helpful to any church or individual, good. If they do not fit in with the program of any church, there is no obligation to use them.

2—World Alliance Sunday; Leadership Schools for B.T.U. Workers in Pearl River and in Jones County; Evangelistic Visitation Campaign Census Taken, Tabulated and Used.

2-7—Deer Creek S.S. Enlargement Campaign; Church Visitation; Brotherhood Emphasis on Soul Winning, Cooperative Program and Leadership Training.

3—Cooperative Program Statewide Promotional Meet at Jackson.

9—Stewardship Sunday.

9-15—B.S.U. Evangelistic Week.

9-15—Y.W.A. Focus Week.

11-14—State Secretaries' Meet, California.

25-28 — Evangelistic Conference, Hattiesburg.

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BIBLE FRIENDS TO KNOW by Floy Barnard is one of the Little Treasure series published by the Broadman Press. The book is beautifully illustrated and has board covers. There are 30 pages 7 x 9 1-2. There are eight stories featuring children of the Bible who made their homes happier through helpfulness, kindness, courage, honesty, obedience and love. Characters treated are: Adam and Eve, Jacob, Joseph, Judah, Miriam, Samuel, Ruth and Jesus. The price is 50 cents and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman A. Milner announce the arrival of Herman Alton, Jr., on December 30 at the Baptist Hospital. The father is pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson.

J. Nyle Walker, formerly of Memphis and now living in Jackson, has accepted the position of Music Director of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church.

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MRS. A. N. JAMES

Mrs. Mattie James, wife of Deacon A. N. James, passed away at her home, December 22. Mrs. James was a consecrated member of Puckett Church and is remembered for her fine traits of Christian character.

She is survived by her husband and a splendid group of children who "rise up to call her blessed". One of her sons is the Rev. Curtiss James, student at New Orleans Seminary and pastor of Baptist churches in Mississippi.

Funeral services for Mrs. James were held at Puckett Baptist Church on December 23 with the following brethren officiating: Rev. R. H. Fitzgerald, Rev. D. W. Moulder and Rev. Tom White. Testimonies were given which pointed to her faithfulness, kindness and hospitality.—R. H. Fitzgerald.



Answer to crossword puzzle on page (14)

CHAMPIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY by Rufus W. Weaver is an excellent presentation of that principle for which Baptists have fought and died. Dr. Weaver undertakes to set forth the nature and the history of the principle of Religious Liberty and the relation of Baptists to it. Cloth-bound, the book sells for 60 cents and paper bound 40 cents. The publisher is the Broadman Press and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.



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GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

LUCEDALE IS NUMBER 838

Dr. Fred Moseley, new Lucedale pastor, is a firm believer in the Baptist Record and when he recently went to Lucedale as pastor made the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record one of his aims. He accomplished this quicker than expected.

The EVERY FAMILY Plan has been adopted and now 166 Baptist families



at Lucedale have a weekly visit from the Baptist Record.

The new church building is practically complete. Financial receipts have increased, the preaching attendance is growing and all organizations are making progress.

Record readers in George County are now listed as follows: AGRICOLA 83, BARTON 58, LUCEDALE 166, ROCKY CREEK 69, SHADY GROVE 17.

BETHANY IS BACK

While without a pastor, Bethany Church, Sunflower, dropped the Baptist Record, but soon after calling Rev. J. O. Payne as pastor they saw the need of Baptist information.

Sunflower County now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 22, BLAINE 14, DODDSVILLE 17, DREW 136, FAIRVIEW 33, INDIANOLA 109, INVERNESS 63, HOLLY GROVE 22, LINN 91, MOORHEAD 127, NEW HOPE 45, ROME 31, ROUND-AWAY 66, RULEVILLE 49, SUNFLOWER 81, BETHANY 22, State Mission 6, Wade 9.

OLD TOWN IS NUMBER 839

A recent addition to the growing list of Baptist Record churches is Old Town in Calhoun County. Early Wells, treasurer, recently sent a list of 44 families, who are to receive the Baptist Record weekly. These added to one single subscription already on makes 45 Old Town Record families or approximately 180 Baptist Record readers.

Calhoun County is rapidly becoming one of the best Baptist Record counties in Mississippi.

Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows: BETHEL 49, BETHANY 75, Big Creek 3, BRUCE 144, CALHOUN CITY FIRST 152, College Hill 2, DERMA 54, Gaston Springs 2, MACEDONIA 16, Meridian 13, Mt. Moriah 12, Oak Grove 5, OLD-TOWN 45, PITTSBORO 35, PLEASANT RIDGE 18, Pleasant Grove 8, Rocky Mountain 1, CALVARY 27, NEW LIBERTY 30, ELLARD 25, DUNCAN HILL

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

by Louis T. Talbot is an exposition of the book of Revelation. Copyrighted in 1937 the book has been revised for the second edition. It has a chart on which the author explains various things such as the white, red, black and pale horses, the seven trumpets, etc. Whether or not you agree with the author's interpretation, it will stimulate your thinking. The publisher is the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. The price is \$2. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

30, SHILOH 40, Spring Hill 1, VARDAMAN 100, BANNER 21, CALHOUN CITY SECOND 63, Poplar Springs 12, Concord 1, Parker 1, Antioch 10, Pilgrim's Rest 14, Mt. Tabor 19, SA-BOUGLA 34.

HALF-MILE IS IN

Rev. A. L. Gatewood is a new comer to Mississippi, but he is an old-timer in boosting the Baptist Record.

He serves Half-Mile Church, Leflore County, in connection with his full time pastorate at Itta Bena. He recently led Half-Mile Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the treasurer, R. M. Raiford of Rt. 1 Schlatter sent the list of 14 names.

Leflore County now has the following Baptist Record readers: CALVARY 162, Greenwood, First 29, ITTA BENA 67, MORGAN CITY 34, SCHLATER 34, SIDON 40, HALF-MILE 14, RIVERSIDE 57.

TUSCUMBIA IS NUMBER 841

Pastor O. L. Butler has led Tuscumbia Church, Alcorn County, to adopt the EVERY FAMILY list of the Baptist Record.

The EVERY FAMILY list recently received contains 31 names. This means 124 more prospective readers and 124 people most likely to have more interest in Baptist affairs.

In sending the list, the Baptist Record was instructed to send the bills to the treasurer, Martin Dixon of Rt. 3, Pocahontas, Tenn.

Alcorn County now has Record readers listed as follows: CORINTH 50, HINKLE CREEK 31, Kemps Chapel 3, KOSSUTH 38, Liberty Hill 1, RIENZI 35, CORINTH TATE STREET 84, Tishomingo Chapel 5, WEST CORINTH 87, Antioch 16, Jacinto 1, Lovejoy 2, Cross Road 1, GLENDALE 28, Mt. Hebron 1, HOLLY 24, NEW PROSPECT 21, TUSCUMBIA 31.

WAS THIS YOUR PASTOR?

A recent letter from a good Mississippi Baptist woman says: "Rev. ——— has been our pastor for three years, but has resigned. He never one time mentioned the Baptist Record while here. What a shame!"

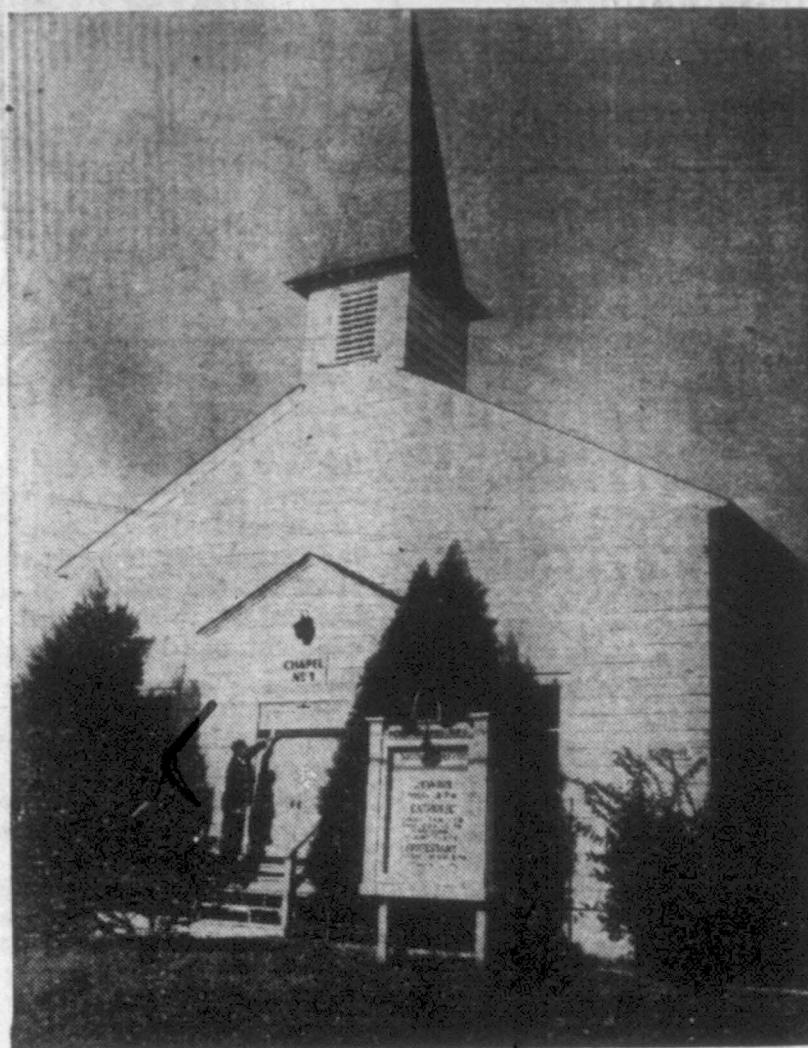
Circulation note: This pastor rarely stays at a church over two or three years. Could the above be one of the reasons? He recently asked the Baptist Record editor to recommend him to another field.

RUHAMA IS NUMBER 840

Rev. W. I. Allen, pastor of Ruhama Church, Noxubee County is a firm believer in the Baptist Record. He recently led Ruhama Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Noxubee County are now listed as follows: Brooksville 7, CONCORD 26, MASHULARVILLE 52, Gholson 5, MACON 110, SHUQUA-LAK 62, Vernon 4, DEERBROOK 12, RUHAMA 25.

Army Chapels Offered For Sale



The government is selling churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. About 50 surplus Army chapels similar to this one at Camp Plauche, La., will go on the block at thirteen camps after the installations are transferred by the Army to the War Assets Administration. Chapels must be removed at the purchaser's expense. Prices range from \$250 to \$1250, depending on size and construction.

Chapels will be sold at 13 thus far announced points: Louisiana—Camps Claiborne, Plauche, Livingston, Selman Field, Harding Field and the Lake Charles army air base; Mississippi—Camps Shelby, McCain, Van Dorn and the Mississippi Ordnance Plant at Flora, and airfields at Grenada, Greenwood and Greenville.

To small congregations, the surplus army chapel seems the answer to material scarcities, high construction costs and meagre building funds. The

typical one is a wooden building 37 by 81 feet, seating about 500 persons.

Most have a steeple, pews, a pulpit and other church furnishings and may be used by all faiths. Larger ones are \$1250 and \$1000, while smaller buildings sell for \$750 and \$250. They must be bought intact, for removal at the buyer's expense. WAA estimates a minimum of \$5000 to tear down and rebuild a large chapel unless labor and equipment are donated. They cost the government \$25,000.

Each will be widely advertised and buyers will have 30 days from the first ad on each chapel to send in orders. The Chief of Chaplains in Washington will determine to which groups the churches will be sold.

Application blanks may be obtained by writing the real property division, War Assets Administration, 7020 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans.

N. O. Relief Center Processes 25 Bales of Clothing Daily; 37,000 Pounds Received

By Majorie E. Moore

The Church World Service Center established at New Orleans in September by the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is turning out twenty-five 100-lb., bales of clothing and bedding daily. Director Clovis A. Brantley reported at a meeting of the committee December 31.

Mr. Brantley, who is superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission and who made his building available for receiving and processing used clothing from evangelical Christian groups in the Gulf coast area of ten states, gave an enthusiastic statement of the first four months. "It is thrilling!" he said. "I volunteered for this job because I wanted to have some part in relieving human suffering around the world. I am greatly pleased and surprised at the quality as well as the quantity of stuff coming in. We have already received 37,000 pounds. It is

in good condition and is usually well packed, and we are getting it out fast."

The goods are being processed at a cost of 10 cents a pound, and are being shipped to Europe and Asia for about the same cost. For a quantity of goods valued at \$20,000, the processing cost is \$2,500 at the New Orleans center.

"Until clothing and textile industries can be rehabilitated by the governments of the war-devastated countries, the need for this type of material relief will be great," Dr. George W. Sadler, relief committee director, states.

The committee authorized Mr. Brantley to engage a promotional agent for the center. It also approved a budget for 1947, and made plans to continue the Center through 1948, longer if necessary.

Associational reports show that 2,195 of the 26,452 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have Brotherhoods with a total enrollment of 72,215.